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(1914-1918.)

BEATTY—In ever-loving and fond memory of our dear Hal, Canadian Cavalry, killed in action, France, April 1st, 1918, second son of James and Annie Beatty, 4 Park Drive, Bangor, County Down.

NOBLETT—Robert James Noblett, killed in action 1st April, 1917; Edward William Noblett, died in France 14th April, 1918.
Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away.
In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they.
Inscribed by their loving mother, Mary Noblett.

BIRTHS.

DUNN—March 28, 1927, at 5 Mount street Crescent, to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dunn, Dartymahe, Merrion Gardens, a daughter (Sighle Mary).

GAFFNEY—March 29, 1927, at Miss Webb's Private Nursing Home, Belfast, to Rita, wife of John J. Gaffney, Land Purchase Commission, Dublin, a daughter.

MURTAGH—March 27, 1927, at 89 Lower Leeson street, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Murtagh, "Woodvale," Ailesbury Park, a son.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

COATES—March 31, 1927, at her residence, 369 North Circular road, Dublin, Florence, widow of George Coates. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing children. "Thy will be done." Funeral arrangements later.

GRADY—March 30, 1927, at his residence, High street, Tullamore, Michael Grady. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. Funeral to take place to-day (Friday) at 2 o'clock.

GRAY—March 30, 1927, at Meath Hospital, Dublin, following an operation, Euphemia (Effie), second eldest daughter of the late P. R. Gray, Lodge, Athy. Interment to-day (Friday), at 2 p.m., St. Michael's Cemetery, Athy.

GROSART—March 30, 1927, at her residence, Somerville," Palmerstown, Elizabeth Grosart, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Grosart, and only sister of the late David McDowall, J.P. Funeral private.

HARVEY—March 31, 1927, at Mercer's Hospital, Sydney Arthur, dearly-loved youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Oldglass, Ballacoa. "Thy will be done."

HINNESSY—Wednesday, March 30, 1927, at Sea View, Killiskehane, Templemore, County Tipperary, Daniel Hennessy, aged 81. Office at Mass in Chapel this (Friday) morning at 10.30. Interment immediately afterwards.

HOGGINS—March 30, 1927, at the Methodist Home, Grantham street, Anne Hodgins, widow of Thomas Hodgins, Boultry, Shinrone. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral at 9 o'clock from the Home to Moderney Cemetery, Shinrone, arriving at Roscrea, to-day (Friday), April 1st.

HEWSON—March 30, 1927, at Ennismore, Howel, George Francis Fitzgerald Hewson, eldest son of the late George Hewson, J.P., D.L.

KONG—March 30, 1927, at his residence, Kong House, Swords, Nicholas Long, aged 76. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to family burial ground, Swords, this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock.

MADDEN—March 31, 1927, at his daughter's residence, 5 Hollybank road, Drumcondra, Denis Madden, 54 Middle Abbey street. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family. Funeral arrangements later. American papers please copy.

MCGANEY—March 30, 1927, at Edenderry, Hedda J. McGaney, of 11 Connaught street, Peterborough. Funeral, Mount Jerome, to-morrow (Saturday) at 11.30.

PHARR—March 31, 1927, at No. 2 Milton Place, Bray, Ellen, widow of James Pharr, Ballinastoe. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Funeral (powerscourt Old Churchyard to-morrow (Saturday) at 1 p.m.

RIKY—March 30, 1927, at her residence, 31 Fitzroy avenue, Kingstown, Emma, elder daughter of the late George Faucet Riky. At rest for ever. Funeral (private) from house at 10 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday), arriving Mount Jerome at 12. No flowers.

SHERIDAN—March 31, 1927, at his residence, Dunlavin, Cregagh road, Belfast, Robert Sheridan, J.P., D.L., Colonel (late) Royal Irish Fusiliers. No flowers.

SYMES—March 31, 1927, at 87 St. Lawrence road, Clontarf, Selina Elizabeth, loving wife of H. D. Symes. Funeral strictly private.

ANNIVERSARY REQUIEM OFFICE AND HIGH MASS.

Anniversary Requiem Office and High Mass for the late **Most Rev. William J. Walsh**, Archbishop of Dublin, will be solemnised in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, to-day, April 1, at 11 a.m. His Grace the Archbishop will preside.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. Webster and family, Belmore, Wicklow, wish to return sincere thanks for many kind letters who sympathised with them in their recent great sorrow, and trust they will accept this acknowledgment, as it would be impossible to answer individually.

IN MEMORIAM.

BIGLEY—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, who fell asleep April 1st, 1[illegible] for away,
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In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they.
Sadly missed by their loving daughters.

BOUCHER—In loving memory of my dear father, George Boucher, of York street, who departed this life April 1st, 1922.—"Peace," Frances.

GANSOM—In loving memory of our dearest father, called to rest at Auburnum Cottage, Glenageary, April 1st, 1924; also our dear father, June, 1915.
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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

CO. LIMERICK RATES.

RATEPAYERS' APPLICATION TO QUASH.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SULLIVAN AND MR. JUSTICE O'BYRNE.)

In the matter of Hewson v. Limerick County Council.

Mr. T. A. Finlay (instructed by Messrs. Hayes and Sons) applied, on behalf of Kathleen V. Hewson, of Askeaton, to make absolute a conditional order which was granted on the 25th January of this year, whereby it was ordered that the rates for general purposes for the County of Limerick which were contained in the estimate of the 3rd May, 1926, and were made by the Limerick County Council for the services for the year ending the 31st March, 1927, be brought up for the purpose of being quashed, on the grounds that they contained a sum of £17,834 in respect of alleged deductions from the agricultural grant payable in the Limerick County Council for this year; that they contained provision for a sum of £8,000 by way of recoupment of a deficit of £71,414, which was alleged to have been illegal over-expenditure on roads during the five years ending 31st March, 1925; and that provision was made for levying current rates otherwise than for the purpose of providing sufficient income to set off outgoings properly incurrable for the year's current service.

Counsel read the affidavit of Kathleen V. Hewson upon which he moved on the 25th January last. Mrs. Hewson stated that the estimate for the rates, dated May 3rd, 1926, contained an item of £828,231 to be included as part of the rates. This levy was to meet a deficit in last year's estimated receipts of Council, attributable to a shortage on account of estate duty grant; an amount lost in consequence of defalcations of a rate-collector; and the balance, £22,834, attributable to deductions in respect of shortage of grants owing to default made in the payment of land purchase annuities in the County Limerick. She had read an affidavit of Mr. J. J. Quaid, late Secretary to the County Council, in which it was stated that the sum of £17,834 was principally due to deductions from the agricultural grant, owing to default made in the payment of land purchase annuities due by annuitants in County Limerick. In fact, there was no deduction from the agricultural grant in respect of arrears of annuities, and that the deduction necessary would be made from the estate duty grant.

Counsel referred to two other affidavits which had been used for the purpose of obtaining the conditional order, and read several further affidavits and documents relating to figures in the estimates under review. He submitted that on the showing by the County Council they had not displaced the case made on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Phelps, K.C., who, with Mr. Fitzgerald, K.C., and Mr. Corbet (instructed by Mr. Philip J. O'Sullivan), appeared on behalf of the County Council to show cause, first of all mentioned that the case came before the Court in very exceptional circumstances. They were dealing with a rate, the currency of which expired on that particular day—31st March, 1927—and he need not emphasise the inconvenience of a rate of that sort being quashed now. The rate was first attacked in October of last year, and it was fully debated there in December, the applicant then being the husband of the present applicant. Mr. Justice Sullivan sat in that case himself, and a decision was given against him. He came in again, applying for a conditional order on his own account, and the Court refused that application.

Before coming to the time that this estimate was made, counsel spoke of the position of affairs during the five years in which a previous Council had been in office, and said that when the present Council took office they found that there was an enormous accumulation of debt against the County Council, first, in the way of claims which had been made against the agricultural grant, and, secondly, in the way of an overdraft, which was caused by over-expenditure on roads beyond the legal limit. The new Council set themselves about to remedy the state of affairs created by their predecessors, and the first thing they did was to interview the Minister for Local Government, who expressed the opinion that they were determined to carry out their business in the proper way.

Counsel, dealing with that the applicant's figures were wrong, said that it was not what happened in one year that they were dealing with, but an accumulated debt.

Mr. Justice Sullivan said that the figures should be explained in the estimates, and observed that the explanation given now was different to that which had been given three months ago.

Mr. Phelps said that there was a liability of £50,000 against the Council in 1926, and they were trying to get back some of the money which people had had the benefit of during the last five years.

Counsel had not concluded when the Court rose.

CONSTRUCTION OF A WILL.

SHARES IN CO. DUBLIN ESTATE.

(BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE FITZGIBBON AND MR. JUSTICE MURNAGHAN.)

The hearing concluded of the appeal by the defendants in the case of Richard Grainger Jeune Nash and Sheila Juliet Nash, minors (by their mother, Caroline Margaret Noel Follis), plaintiffs, against the Rev. George D. Nash, 11 Eastern parade, Cliftonville, Margate, Co. Kent, England, and William Henry Nash, 24 Parkgate street, Dublin, defendants, from an order of Mr. Justice Meredith on questions submitted for his decision on the construction of the will and codicil of the late Thomas James Nash, of Scraplestown House, Finnstown, Lucan, deceased.

The plaintiffs are the two minor children of the testator's son, Richard Grainger Nash, deceased, and the defendants are also sons of the testator, who had six sons and one daughter, and died on 6th August, 1839. His wife died on 31st May, 1913; Richard G. Nash, his son, father of the plaintiffs, died on 17th May, 1914, and his other sons, Edward Nash, Charles Nash and James Nash, died without issue on 5th September, 1914; 12th August, 1918, and 2nd November, 1921, respectively.

The questions arising on the construction of the will and codicil were—whether the original shares in the personal estate of the testator of Edward Nash, Charles Arundel Nash and James Nash, sons of the testator, became, on their respective deaths without issue, divisible among those of their brothers who survived them, or whether the plaintiffs, the children of R. G. Nash, deceased, were entitled to participate in such shares, and to what extent; if the plaintiffs were not so entitled, whether they took any share or interest in the testator's personal estate other than the ordinary share of their deceased father; and whether the shares in the personal estate of the testator which accrued to the surviving sons of the testator upon the death of other sons without issue were subject to the same limitations and trusts as their original shares, or were the absolute property of such surviving sons.

Mr. Justice Meredith had declared in his order that the plaintiffs were entitled to participate in the original shares of the deceased sons, Edward, Charles and James, mentioned, taking between them one-fifth of Edward's share, one-fourth of Charles's and one-third of James's.

The Court, after consultation, gave judgment unanimously in favour of the respondents and plaintiffs, and dismissed the defendants' appeal with costs.

The Chief Justice, giving judgment, pointed out that the language used in the will of the testator in this case, who died so long ago as the year 1887, presented considerable difficulty as regards its interpretation, or, at least, laid a considerable foundation for elaborate argument as to the true meaning and intention of the testator. Having referred to the lines upon which the different dispositions in the will were made, and to the authorities cited in argument, and also to the use of the word "survivorship," upon the meaning of which the interpretation of the document mainly turned, his lordship said that he entirely agreed with the judgment of Mr. Justice Meredith, both as to the result and the lines on which he had arrived at that result.

Mr. Justice FitzGibbon and Mr. Justice Murnaghan concurred.

The appeal was accordingly dismissed with costs.

Mr. Jellett, K.C., for the appellants, with reference to costs, stated that the questions in the case arose in connection with the sale of testator's property, and it had been agreed between the parties that the costs should be paid out of the general fund.

Mr. FitzGibbon, K.C., for the respondents, said that he could not give consent in the matter, but he was instructed to place himself in their lordships' hands with reference to it. It arose in connection with the question of title in the sale of the property, and there was a great deal of difficulty about it.

Mr. Jellett, K.C., said that there was a good deal of other property for sale which depended upon the result of this appeal.

Mr. FitzGibbon remarked that the decision in the case was to the benefit of the minors in clearing away the difficulty and delay with regard to title.

The Chief Justice said that they agreed under the circumstances that the costs should come out of the general personal estate of the testator.

Mr. Jellett, K.C., and Mr. Macrory (instructed by Messrs. W. J. Shannon and Co.), appeared for the appellants; and Mr. F. FitzGibbon, K.C., and Mr. Newett (instructed by Messrs. Milward Jones, Mayne and Sharpe) for the respondents.

OVERCROWDED SANATORIUM.

When an estimate for the expenditure of £372 4s. 6d. for improvements in the Kilkenny Sanatorium was laid before the Kilkenny County Board of Health at their meeting at Thomastown, Mr. M. J. Murphy, Co.C., said that it was a very bad time to be incurring expenditure, as the ratepayers were unable to meet their demands.

Dr. P. Heffernan, tuberculosis medical officer, said that the improvements were badly needed, as at present the Sanatorium was full up and he had a waiting list.

The improvements were ordered to be carried out immediately.

GIFT TO CASTLECOMER HOSPITAL.

The Kilkenny Board of Health, at their meeting at Thomastown, voted thanks to Captain Prior-Wandesforde, Castlecomer House, for presenting an ultra violet day lamp of the latest design and consenting to supply electric current free for the use of same to Castlecomer District Hospital.

PRODUCE AND FOOD

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN CATTLE, North Circular road, Thursday.—Supplies of stock in both branches of market to-day, as shown by official returns, were much below last week's gathering, and, although there was a palpably better attendance of dealers and butchers in evidence, a cautious tone dominated business proceedings throughout. The home trade quickly recognised the narrower dimensions of market, and showed little hesitation in paying full to occasionally stiffer terms for suitable tip-top selections of handy weights of cattle and sheep, but, of course, these formed only a small proportion to general entries, and dealing with the more ordinary descriptions of stock proved almost as tedious and uncertain as before. Shippers, too, appear to be handicapped by the uneconomic margin of profit in operations here, and, in fact, declare that currencies are practically prohibitive, being fully par, if not actually dearer than those governing leading markets at other side of Channel. All things considered, the shorter supplies of stock to be handled failed to pull trade into an appreciably tighter groove, and values in later stages of the day proved quite as weak and irregular as previously, and many animals of plainer and half-meated character were still uncashed at a late hour. With regard to Canadian cattle shipping terms are 25 cents per 100lbs. weaker, and English markets do not offer much attraction, consequently this week's exports are limited to about 340 head, mostly feeders for Glasgow. Top steers are quoted 8.00 to 8.25 dollars, medium to good 7.00 to 7.75 per 100lbs.; cows and fat bulls much as previously.

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks of 1926.	1925.
Cattle	1,866	decrease 681	2,102	2,463
Sheep	4,681	decrease 380	5,887	4,157
Veal calves..	1	decrease 4	5	9

The beast trade opened fairly active and buoyant for the moderate proportion of well-finished steers and heifers of small to medium weight available, but heifers are becoming conspicuously scarce recently, and much sought for. For the choicer character cattle values were firmer and more uniform inside 48s. to 50s., perhaps 6d. to 1s. per cwt. extra in exceptional or fancy cases; medium-weighted beasts, 46s. to 47s. 6d., and strong bullocks, 42s. 6d. to 45s.; coarse and inferior sorts, 38s. to 42s. 6d. Moderate sale for fat bulls; a few nice young exhibits realised 37s. 6d. to 40s. per cwt., but old and coarse sorts went 30s. to 32s. 6d. Beef cows sold tediously, and mostly placed to local fleshers, and many of the better class to North of Ireland men. Best run of cows averaged 30s. to 34s. and 35s.; mediums around 26s. to 27s. 6d., and others 17s. 6d. to 22s. 6d. per cwt.

Sheep market opened rather encouragingly, and 18s. per cwt. was realised for tops, but upon the completion of leading victuallers' selections business slacked off, and closed disappointingly, with some rare exceptions. Prices on the whole could not be reckoned more than fractionally better for Dublin quality mutton. Prime fed hoggets were in good demand, but shipping descriptions harder to cash. It appears, too, that many drafts of hoggets exported from here recently have shown a big-gish proportion in lamb, which has seriously discounted their value in Birkenhead, etc., and dealers have become particularly cautious in consequence. Choice wether mutton, 11d. to 1s. 1d. per lb.; medium, 9½d. to 10¼d.; inferior, around 8½d. to 9d. per lb. Spring lambs were surprisingly numerous, but not much wanted, and many were returned to owners, entailing much loss. Those placed to victuallers early made 50s. to 60s. each. At close best offers were about 30s. each.

CALVES.—Average supply of Irish store cattle, mostly moderate quality; trade ruled slow owing to high prices; dealers decline to reduce owing to dearness in Ireland; sales were not quite so numerous as on previous week, and prices at about late rates. Sheep trade quiet; only mashams and few Down crossed hoggs in demand.

DUBLIN DAIRY CATTLE.—Fewer milch cows were marked, offerings totalling 216 head, or 145 less than last week, with no change in quality forthcoming. For tip-top heavy cows of Scotch type up to £26 and £28 was again paid, whilst the nicer classes of shipping heifers in milk figured inside £22 to £25, and £24 was paid for Dairymen again were in quest of suitable fresh stockers at from £16 to £22 and £24 each. Small and inferior cows, £12 upwards.

DUBLIN PIG.—Market of swine on the heavy side, viz., 1,072 head, or 112 more than the previous morning. Trade was quiet, sharp check noted on set-backs, values being more or less drastically discounted. Very limited inquiry for shipping, owing to England wishing for lighter weights, and feeders at any other side marketing now enough to keep wants covered. The demand here was mostly for pork butchers' requirements. Good bacon hogs sold fairly on these lines. Choice quality boys 92/6 to 95/- per cwt., heavy weights 82/- to 90/-, and coarse 77/6 to 80/- now pigs 70/- to 75/-. Sows and boars dull and neglected. Bacon showed a drop of £1 from recent fancy prices. Stores plentiful, slow and irregular in price.

BRISTOL.—Beef fairly supply at 90/- per cwt. Average supply of mutton, 1/2 to 1/4 per lb. About 250 stores on offer; as late rates. Milch cows and calves £26 and £28 each.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Small supplies continue. Business active for best bacons and sows, with the top price 95/- per cwt. Other descriptions hardly so much in demand, short cut advanced 1/- to 105/- to 110/- per cwt. Shoulders quiet, but pienics from relative scarcity are 1/- dearer at 75/- to 79/- per cwt. Lard on the spot rules quietly steady at late rates for both prime steam and American refined, with a moderate trade reported in the latter. Futures still quiet, but no further decline in price recorded. BUTTER sparingly offered, and held for 2/- to 4/ per cwt. advance. Danish best at 184s. to 188/-, New Zealand 158/- to 162/-, Australian 156/- to 160/-, and Argentine 145/- 152/- per cwt. EGGS steady at 10/6 to 11/6 for best Irish fresh hen, and 11/- to 11/9 duck per 120.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT (Smithfield).—Supplies to market yesterday 2,159 tons, made up as follows—666 tons British and Irish produce and 1,693 tons imported. BEEF—Good demand at slightly higher prices; Scotch short sides 6/4 to 7/4, ditto long sides 6/4 to 6/8, English long sides 5/- to 5/8, Canadian (Birkenhead killed) 5/4 to 5/6, Argentine hind quarters (chilled) 3/4 to 5/8, ditto fore quarters (chilled) 1/10 to 2/2. MUTTON—A slow, dragging trade for fresh-killed; moderate inquiry for frozen; Scotch 7/- to 8/-, ditto tegs 7/8 to 9/4; English 6/8 to 8/-, ditto tegs 7/8 to 8/8; New Zealand wethers 3/10 to 4/8, ditto ewes 2/8 to 3/2. LAMB—English 10/- to 13/4, New Zealand 9/6 to 6/6, Australian 4/6 to 5/6. PORK—Moderate supplies; small pigs in demand at better prices; English, under 10st 9½ to 9/8, ditto 10 to 12st 9/- to 9½, ditto 13 to 20st 6/8 to 7/4; sows, fat 5/4 to 5/6. Irish 7/- to 9/-, frozen 4/6 to 6/-. VEAL—Good steady inquiry for increased supplies; English (at 6s. 6d. to 10/6, ditto bobbies 7/8 to 6/8. EGGS, per 120—English new laid, grade 1 12/- to 13/-, grade 2 11/- to 11/6, ducks' 12/9 to 13/-; Irish extra selected, 16dns. 11/9 to 12/-; selected, 15dns. 11/3 to 11/6; Danish, 15/- to 16lbs. 11/9 to 12/-, 18lbs. 14/- to 14/6; Dutch brown 13/- to 13/6, mixed 11/3 to 12/6, ducks' 13/- to 13/6, Belgian 11/6 to 12/-.

CARDIFF.—Business shows some increase, with a generally firm tone, and bacon again dearer. Wholesale quotations delivered in Cardiff district:—BACON—Irish baled dearer, 118/- to 127/-; Danish dearer, 102/- to 105/-; Canadian Wiltshire dearer, 93/- to 98/-; American quiet, 96/- to 98/-. HAMS—Irish steady, 160/- to 190/-; American firm, 107/- to 113/-; shoulders steady, 72/- to 80/-. BUTTER—Irish firm, 120/- cold storage creameries' nominally factory finest, 120/-. EGGS—Irish steady, best 11/3 to 11/9 per 120. POULTRY—Irish chickens steady, at 1/1 to 1/5, large 9d. to 10d. per lb.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Fair seasonable supplies of vegetables on the markets. Cauliflowers not so pressed, and more readily sold. Sales much on previous lines for most stuff. York cabbage 20- to 30/- and 40/-, Savoys 10/- to 24/- and 27/- per load; cauliflowers 1/8 to 2/- per dozen, seconds 1/-; swede turnips 1/- per 1/9 per cwt., white turnips 3d. to 9d. per bundle, scallions 8d. to 10d., celery 2/6 to 4/6, best, and 1/- to 1/6 small; sprouts 1/- to 2/- per flout, rhubarb 4/- to 6/- and 8/6 per dozen bundles, Irish and 2/- to 3/6 imported; carrots 1/6 to 2/3 ditto, Parsnips neglected; beet 1/4 to 2/- per dozen, and 2/6 to 4/- per bag; parsley 1/- to 1/6 per tray, basket, etc., and 3/- to 4/- per bag; thyme 1/- to 1/6 per dozen.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Very poor trade for potatoes. Really prime fresh and selected qualities are making 5/6 to 5/8 and 6/- per cwt., but average classes of town trade are around 5/- per cwt.

CORK BUTTER.—Somewhat quieter tone; slower inquiry for choicest brands. Creameries 150/-, 153/- per cwt., choicest salted 152/-.

COPENHAGEN BUTTER.—Butter is quoted at 304 kroner per 100 kilos, which is equivalent to 8/8 per cwt., an increase of 2/2 on the previous week.

DUBLIN FISH.—Heavy market of fish from both local and country sources. Deliveries embraced 30 packages of salmon, 6 chests of lobsters, 9 boxes of mackerel, and just 670 boxes of herring from the steam trawlers, of which nearly 240 boxes were cured. Fair sale of these supplies. Sales averaged:—Salmon 1/8 to 1/10 per lb., lobsters 7/6 to 12/6 and 15/- per dozen, small 2/6 to 5/- per lot; turbot 1/- to 1/4, and 1/6 to 2/- per lb., brill 6d. to 6/- each, black soles, best 25/- to 32/6 per lot, mediums 12/6 to 17/6 and 20/-, slips 5/- to 7/6 and 10/-; per lb., plaice 2½ to 3½ per lb., fresh cod 30/- to 60/-, pollock 10/- to 17/6, ling 15/- to 17/6, ray 15/- to 20/-, conger eels 15/- to 25/-, turbard 5/- to 6/-.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Fair supplies; steady demand. Soles 16d. to 2/6d., salmon, English 2/1d. to 3/-, Scottish 2/2d. to 2/6d., Irish 20d. to 25d. per lb.; live eels 18/- to 30/-, dead 15/- to 28/-, per draught; turbot 15/- to 17/-, brill 12/- to 14/-, plaice 6/- to 12/-, halibut 14/- to 16/-, lemon soles 12/- to 14/-, cod 5/- to 6/-, hake 6/- to 8/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 4/- to 7/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—A fair spot inquiry. British refined remained unaltered. Of British-grown, Colwick Kidderminster sold 31/9, Spalding 31/6, Peterborough 31/6, Ipswich at 30/6. Continental granulated spot sold London 31/-, forward positions steadier. Czecho granulated ready 18/3 f.o.b. White terminal slightly unsettled at times. March 17/5, May 17/54 to 17/21, August 17/6½ to 17/9 and 17/7½, October 17/9½ to 17/10½, December 15/9½ to 15/7½, March 17/6½. COCOA—Accra afloat sold 66/6 to 67/-. May-July quoted 72/6 f.a.b. SPICE—Pepper market dull. Lampong spot sold 100/- to 101/-, August-October 99/-, Muntok March-May 1/6. JUTE easier. Firsts March-April sold £31 to £30 17/6 and £31, April-May £30 15/- to £30 12/6, May-June £30 15/-, June-July £30 7/6, July-August £30 2/6, August-September £30 1/-, September-October £29 17/6, October-November £29 15/-, November-December £29 12/6, December-January £29 10/-, January-February £29 7/6, February-March £29 5/-. HEMP—Manila easier. J April-June sellers £41, K and L1 £40. COPRA—Market slow, unaltered. PALM KERNELS March-April 15dns. sellers £19 5/6.

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COPENHAGEN BUTTER.—Butter is quoted at 304 kroner per 100 kilos, which is equivalent to 8/8 per cwt., an increase of 2/2 on the previous week.

DUBLIN FISH.—Heavy market of fish from both local and country sources. Deliveries embraced 30 packages of salmon, 6 chests of lobsters, 9 boxes of mackerel, and just 670 boxes of herring from the steam trawlers, of which nearly 240 boxes were cured. Fair sale of these supplies. Sales averaged:—Salmon 1/8 to 1/10 per lb., lobsters 7/6 to 12/6 and 15/- per dozen, small 2/6 to 5/- per lot; turbot 1/- to 1/4, and 1/6 to 2/- per lb., brill 6d. to 6/- each, black soles, best 25/- to 32/6 per lot, mediums 12/6 to 17/6 and 20/-, slips 5/- to 7/6 and 10/-; per lb., plaice 2½ to 3½ per lb., fresh cod 30/- to 60/-, pollock 10/- to 17/6, ling 15/- to 17/6, ray 15/- to 20/-, conger eels 15/- to 25/-, turbard 5/- to 6/-.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Fair supplies; steady demand. Soles 16d. to 2/6d., salmon, English 2/1d. to 3/-, Scottish 2/2d. to 2/6d., Irish 20d. to 25d. per lb.; live eels 18/- to 30/-, dead 15/- to 28/-, per draught; turbot 15/- to 17/-, brill 12/- to 14/-, plaice 6/- to 12/-, halibut 14/- to 16/-, lemon soles 12/- to 14/-, cod 5/- to 6/-, hake 6/- to 8/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 4/- to 7/- per stone.

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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

"THE FIRST BOUT."

TWO WOMEN, A GERMAN AND A "DETECTIVE."

(BEFORE MR. COLLINS.)

Thomas Kenny (51), North William street, was remanded on bail for a week on the charge of having taken the designation of a detective at the premises of Mr. Price, pork butcher, Summerhill.

Louis Reinhardt, an employé of Mr. Price, giving evidence, said that the accused man went to the shop and told him that he was a detective, and wanted to see "the stuff that was stolen in the cellar." He then said that he had seven charges against the witness, and "if this is not settled up I will shoot you."

The accused man, said the witness, wanted to make out that his (witness's) wife was criticising his sister. When leaving the shop he remarked to Mr. Price: "It is a wonder you would keep a man like this working in your shop; his name is enough" (meaning that he was a German).

Mr. Brady, defending, said that the quarrel was between two women, and this case was "the preliminary bout to get the first punch in." There were other summonses pending between the parties.

CRUELTY TO A HORSE.

(BEFORE MR. C. KENNY.)

A fine of £5 was imposed on William Healy, Cabra, Skerries, for permitting a horse owned by him to be worked while it was suffering from raw sores. The driver, Edward Rogers, was fined £1.

MILK PROSECUTION.

Maurice Kelly, 44 North Strand, was fined 20s. for selling milk which contained 11.8 per cent of added water.

The defence was that the milk was sold as it was purchased, and Mr. Burke, solicitor, who prosecuted, said that he did not suggest that the defendant watered the milk. This was the first occasion on which he had been summoned.

CREAMERY FOR TULLAMORE.

At a representative meeting of farmers, held at Tullamore this week, the erection and equipment of a central creamery for Tullamore was discussed, and steps were taken to carry out the project.

The creamery, it was stated, will not interfere with the store cattle and beet trade, when these products become again a paying proposition.

Mr. Riddel, Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, outlined the conditions under which creameries are established. He expressed the view that the indications were in favour of the development of farming along dairy lines, and said that the present Government assistance offered to farmers for the purpose of establishing creameries should be availed of.

An organising committee was appointed to bring the matter under the notice of farmers all over the area, and with a view to ascertaining the number of cows which would be guaranteed to supply the creamery, and arranging for the allotment of shares.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES FOR APRIL.

THE DATE OF EASTER.

(FROM OUR ASTRONOMICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE PLANETS.

Mercury is a morning star all the month, but too near the Sun to be visible, and rising within half an hour of the same time between 4 and 5 a.m. throughout. Venus is the brightest object in the evening sky, in the absence of the Moon, and remains above the horizon till 10.40 p.m. towards the end of the month. She is approaching the part of the zodiac in which Mars is travelling, and will overtake him early in June. Mars, at the beginning of April, is near, and to the south of, the second magnitude star, Beta Tauri. By the end of the month he will have passed into Gemini, and will be found a little North of the two stars, Eta and Mu, of that constellation. Jupiter rises a little before the Sun, and is still too near him to be easily seen. Saturn now rises before midnight, and will be found at that hour low in the South-East. His ring system is widely open, but will not be very clearly seen in the telescope owing to the planet's low altitude. He is about 7° North of the great red star, Antares, in Scorpio.

THE MOON.

New Moon on the 2nd, at 4.24 a.m.
First Quarter on the 9th, at 12.21 a.m.
Full Moon on the 17th at 3.35 a.m.
Last Quarter on the 24th, at 10.21 p.m.

As it will be seen from this table that the Full Moon falls on the morning of Easter Sunday, the question will probably be asked again, as so often before, why the following Sunday, April 24th, is not Easter Day, as this would seem to fulfil the rubric in the Anglican Prayer Book. The answer is that the Full Moon which determines the date of Easter is not the actual astronomical Full Moon, but an ecclesiastical convention, the date of which may differ by a few hours from that of the actual Moon. In the present case it falls a few hours earlier, sufficient to bring it back past midnight into Saturday. But for this ecclesiastical and conventional Full Moon it might, and sometimes certainly would, happen that the Full Moon occurred at a time which was after midnight in England, but before midnight in Ireland. We should then have Easter Sunday falling a week earlier in Ireland than in England, which would have certain inconveniences. The same thing might happen in any two contiguous countries, and would be sure to happen frequently in some part or other of the world. The case is somewhat analogous to that of the clock, which cannot be made to keep time exactly with the Sun, because the clock is "as regular as clockwork," while the Sun is not; and so clock time has to agree to differ from Sun time by an amount which varies from nothing to about a quarter-hour before or after, according to the time of year.

Venus is in conjunction with the Moon on the 4th; Mars on the 7th. Neither of these approaches is very close; but on the 20th the Moon makes a very close approach to Saturn. In latitudes South of 22° N. there will be an occultation which will be widely visible in Australia and New Zealand, and should be an interesting event to astronomers there. In Great Britain, and in Europe generally, there will be a close approach of the planet to the Moon's northern limb. Conjunctions of the waning Moon with Jupiter on the 28th, and Mercury on the 30th, will hardly be observable owing to the nearness of these planets to the Sun at the time. The conjunction of the two-days-old Moon with Venus on the 4th will be a beautiful sight in the evening twilight, provided the sky be clear.

The Moon will be in Perigee (at her nearest to the Earth) on the 1st, at 10 p.m. This is only six hours before New Moon. The spring tides may, therefore, be expected to be of unusual height during the two following days, and low ground near the sea or estuaries may be flooded, especially if strong winds from the S.E., S., or S.W. should prevail at the same time.

THE STARS.

Constellations on the meridian at midnight on the 1st, at 11 p.m. on the 15th, at 10 p.m. on the 30th, are Virgo, Canes Venatici, and the tail-end of Ursa Major. The last is overhead. Corvus and part of Hydra are low on the Southern horizon. Leo occupies the middle West, while Taurus and Canis Minor are setting. Gemini and Cancer are not far behind them. In the East Bootes, Corona, and Hercules occupy most of the view. Serpens, Ophiuchus, and Aquila are rising. Libra and a part of Scorpio are low in the South-East. Saturn is the most conspicuous object in this part of the sky until the Moon moves into the picture in the third week of the month. The brightest stars visible in this quarter are Spica, in Virgo, and Arcturus in Bootes. In the West there are Regulus, Castor and Pollux, and Procyon; in Leo, Gemini, and Canis Minor respectively. The last is very near the horizon. Cassiopeia is below the Pole, and in the North-East are Vega and Deneb, conspicuous for their white brilliance, while equally conspicuous, though not so white, in the opposite quarter of the N.W. is Capella. The Milky Way is inconspicuous at this time of the year and night, as it starts from the horizon nearly due East, and passes below the Pole to due West, being nowhere more than about 15° altitude.

METEORS.

April contains one meteoric shower of some interest—namely, the Lyrids, which may be seen from the 19th to the 22nd. Though named after the constellation Lyra, their radiant point is really in Hercules, but not far from the brilliant Vega, the leader of Lyra. Meteors from this shower are seldom numerous, but are usually very brilliant. As the radiant point is low in the North-East in the evening hours of this month, any meteors emanating from it have long paths, striking from the horizon to overhead or past it.

THE ZODIACAL LIGHT.

This curious phenomenon, not yet entirely understood, may be observed at this time of year at a convenient hour. Look for it on a clear evening, about two hours after sunset, a little North of West. Many people must see it without recognising the nature of what they see, taking it for the lingering remains of twilight; but any light that still remains visible above the Western horizon, more than an hour after sunset, cannot be twilight. An attentive eye will notice that the light is piled up into a sort of trailing cone, whose axis lies at an angle to the horizon. In fact, it lies along the Ecliptic, or Zodiac—whence its name. At present the planet Venus will be seen to be immersed in the light, while the summit of the cone reaches about to the place of Mars. A dark, clear night should be chosen to look for it, and the eye should be in darkness for some time beforehand. The presence of the Moon, or of any sort of artificial light, will be fatal to any chance of success in seeing it. At the opposite time of year, in late August and September, it will be seen in the morning sky, two hours, or less, before sunrise. It is supposed to be some kind of appendage of the Sun—possibly an extension of the corona. It must, however, extend quite as far as the Earth's orbit, though its structure is so ethereal that we have no other evidence of its presence than the evanescent glow in the evening or morning skies.

W. F. A. ELLISON.

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LEVYING COMPENSATION.

KILDARE TRADERS AND THE LIQUOR BILL.

That the compensation should be levied in proportion to the actual trading, was the view expressed at a meeting of licensed traders of County Kildare, held at Newbridge last Wednesday, when the Liquor Bill was discussed.

Disapproval was also expressed at the provision in the Bill that the *bona fide* travellers could not be supplied with drink after 8 p.m. in summer and 7 p.m. in winter, and the hope was entertained that when the measure came before the Senate an amendment would be introduced, under which travellers could be supplied up till 9 o'clock on Sundays throughout the year.

DALKEY-KINGSTOWN TRAIN SERVICE.

A correspondent writes suggesting an improved train service between Dalkey and Kingstown during the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. for the benefit of business men. At the moment the residents of Glenageary or Sandycove have no alternative but to catch either the 9.2 train to Dublin or the 9.40. A train runs from Dalkey direct to Kingstown at 9.20, and if this train could be stopped at the intermediate stations it would be a great benefit to many of the residents, both of Sandycove and Glenageary.

Books of the Week.

A BOOKMAN'S HOLIDAY.

RAMBLES IN LITERARY ENGLAND.

TO most of us, when we have come to love English literature, has occurred the thought to make, at some time, a "literary pilgrimage." We have conjured up a prospect of pleasure in visiting the actual ground of scenes already vivid in the mind through reading; or we may have wished, rather, to pay tribute to a favourite author by exploring the environment in which his works took shape. Thus, Florence may attract for Dante's sake, or for Romola's. A bookman discovered in the West of Scotland may be there to see the memorials of Robbie Burns or to trace the footsteps of Alan Breck and view the brass of Balquidder.

In "The Homeland of English Authors," Mr. Ernest H. Rann bids the reader follow him along the course of many of his own pilgrimages. For these he has not left England, and he proves the richness of certain English counties in literary associations. Appearing at this time of the year, when holiday plans come under discussion, the book well may inspire a decision to accept Mr. Rann's guidance on a bookman's holiday. Though not meant to be a tourist's *vade mecum*, the book does contain information that would be of practical assistance in the planning and enjoyment of such a holiday. For example, it gives—what must have meant laborious research—a great number of identifications of places fictitiously named in novels. See, for instance, the chapter on the Hardy country; it is a veritable directory of Wessex.

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In his first chapter Mr. Rann gives an assortment of associations with various places in East Anglia, putting the reader in touch there with Carlyle, Dickens, Edward Fitzgerald, the poet Crabbe, and George Borrow. Here at the outset he remarks—what becomes more strongly impressed as he travels on—that in these suggestive surroundings the creatures of the great novelists more vividly than their flesh-and-blood creators spring to the reader's consciousness. At Lynmouth, later in the book, Mr. Rann sees Jan Ridd clearly; Shelley and Southey (remembered as residents there) but obscurely. Certain parts of East Anglia and North Kent (travelled in these early chapters) are thick with memorials of Charles Dickens; yet it is Mr. Pickwick, rather than his author, whom one is fain to pursue through those regions. The landlord of the "Angel" at Bury St. Edmunds, who (in the anecdote quoted by Mr. Rann) boasted possession of the actual carving knife and fork that Mr. Pickwick used when he was there, seems almost to have reason on his side. At the Great White Horse Hotel at Ipswich Dickens himself put up while in the town on journalistic duty; but how dull is that fact in face of the knowledge that here you may see not only the bedroom—No. 16—assigned to Mr. Pickwick when he descended from the London coach, but also the room that saw the adventure with the lady in yellow curl-papers!

London—although Mr. Rann has a reputation among his journalistic colleagues, and, perhaps, in a wider sphere, for exceptional knowledge of its literary topography—could not be entertained within the scope of this book, and on leaving East Anglia the trail of Dickens is picked up again at Rochester, and followed through North Kent to Broadstairs. A geographical succession rules the order of the further chapters. It leads through Sussex (where, apparently, Mr. Rann found less than usual provocation for literary reminiscence), the Hardy country, Eden Phillpotts country, the West Country (of "Lorna Doone" and "Westward Ho!"), Shakespeare country, George Eliot country, Arnold Bennett country, and Brontë country; and it ends with the Lake District.

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In Wessex we are guided to places associated with Mr. Hardy himself, including his birthplace and his present home; we are helped to identify scores of places mentioned in the novels with the actual sites that the novelist had in mind; we go step by step with Tess in her wanderings; we mark the "topographical sweep" of "Jude the Obscure"; above all, we explore with this tireless guide the rich associations of the centre of the Hardy country—the novelist's "Casterbridge," actually the little town of Dorchester. There, at the King's Arms, we learn, the spacious bow-window projects into the street, as it did when Henchard was Mayor, and was observed by his wife, on the night of her return, as he presided at a public dinner. "Some few years ago," Mr. Rann relates, "I lunched in this very room, and was assured by the waiter that Mr. Hardy often came abroad among his own people. 'What manner of man is he?' I asked. 'A little insignificant man,' said the waiter; 'about your own size, sir, but stockier.'"

In the West Country one may try with Mr. Rann to decide which of a doubtful two was actually the valley home of the Doones. When Blackmore was asked whether the Doones really had existed, he countered—"Did all the characters in 'Westward Ho!' ever exist?" Mr. Rann quotes that and many another apposite anecdote. He is steeped in the lore of these "homelands." He abounds in miscellaneous information. The United Services College, he can tell you, no longer is housed beside the beach at Westward Ho! in North Devon, as it was when Mr. Kipling was a pupil—the "Beetle" of "Stalky and Co." Again, you may not inspect Wordsworth relics at Rydal Mount, for the place is "strictly private." Mr. Rann, moreover, will keep you from being imposed on where literary associations are claimed without true ground. There will be wide welcome for "The Homeland of English Authors"; it is a charming book, the skilled writing of an assiduous reader and ardent pilgrim.

A. W. G.

"The Homeland of English Authors." By Ernest H. Rann. London: Methuen. 7/6 net.

REVOLT IN THE DESERT.

COLONEL LAWRENCE'S GREAT BOOK.

HERE at last is Colonel Lawrence's book telling of the liberation of the Arabs and the shattering of the Turkish Empire—a great book exceeding expectation. There are no signs of abridgment to mar its unity, no undue compression, no broken edges. The narrative rushes steadily along in as fine flowing English as ever told the tale of great adventure. The striking illustrations which add distinction to the book are the work of Augustus John, Eric Kennington, W. Roberts and Cosmo Jack. The head of the author in Arab dress has a strange, wistful, almost spiritual beauty, which draws the reader back in a vain endeavour to read the mind's construction in the face.

From the author's point of view the hero-in-chief is Feisal, Sherif Feisal, whom Lawrence sought and found and recognised at once as the man he had come to Arabia to seek. "He looked very tall and pillar-like, very slender, in his long white silk robes and his brown headcloth bound with a brilliant and gold cord. His eyelids were dropped, and his black beard and colourless face were like a mask against the strange, still watchfulness of his body." Feisal was prophet of the movement, and Sherif Nasir was the opener of roads, and Auda the warrior or the story-teller as the mood was on him; but Feisal was the greatest alike in ability and in good faith. Yet greater than the author's hero is the author himself, whose personality dominates the book and will not be hid.

One is astonished, sometimes awed, by Lawrence's powers of mind and body. He saw the vision, he found the men; then he made them see the vision. Thereafter he cajoled, provoked, lectured, laughed them into believing in it. Besides these men he had the enemy to deal with, and his own headquarters, too! What he had accomplished already, when he reached Akaba, and Suez, and Allenby, was a prodigious feat; but straightway he was off again, this time two hundred miles east of the railway to the Sirhan desert, "where life is silent all," to rouse the Howeitat tribe and rehumour them, and incidentally to blow up a train or two. These middle chapters of the book are exhausting in their pace and excitement.

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Next he becomes the guiding spirit of Allenby's right wing on the advance to Damascus, plunging along in snow and mud, dominating and inspiring and hood-winking men to fight and to die for an ideal. The physical and mental strain of such months very few men could endure, yet he emerged triumphant, smiling still.

One would think this sufficient accomplishment for any man; but the book is, perhaps, an accomplishment quite as outstanding; for it is literature of a very high order—strong, sure, vivid. In a few sentences he can so describe a man, friend or foe, that the face stands out like that of an old master on the canvas. He can make a camel a character in a line or two. So vivid is his pen that you can see the pulsing heat, feel the lash of the wind, hear the stillness of the desert, almost hear the very thoughts of the night, whilst his eyes for colour and for detail—the pinkness of blood on the snow, the green of the young grass that one must stoop to see—is as clear as was Robert Browning's. We had expected to be thrilled by the adventure, but we have been thrilled no less by the manner of the telling it. The writer is a great artist no less than a great tactician.

We turn back to look at the wistful, beautiful face again, and to re-read the sentence in the preface which tells us that his "interest in the subject was exhausted long ago in the actual experience of it!"

W. McN.

"Revolt in the Desert." By T. E. Lawrence. London: Cape. 30/- net.

THE LIBERATOR OF THE ARABS.

"T. E. Lawrence, by Augustus John."—This portrait of Colonel T. E. Lawrence is reproduced from the frontispiece of "Revolt in the Desert." (Cape), reviewed to-day.

THE CHILD AS POET.

THE child-mind is akin to the poet's in that for both the realm of imagination is peopled by figures and fancies as real as the actual things of life. The nursery labels all this "make-believe," and later the schoolroom does its best to extinguish any flicker of the divine spark. Poetry, it is true, is taught in the schools, or rather learnt by rote; but the sensitive child dreads to recite and often grows to view with distaste what should be æsthetic training and inspiration.

The present volume is evidence that a new spirit is abroad in educational circles, and particular evidence of an encouraging response in the child mentality. These verses by girls varying from five to fifteen years are naturally unequal in merit and full of the weaknesses of immature thinking; but they ring with sincerity, their flashes of tender feeling and quick impressions of nature and fellow creature are delightful—more as reflecting attitudes of mind, perhaps, than as poetry, though they rise to that at times. Through Monica Mair's (12 years) lines there runs the most promising poetic instinct of the collection, but, trite expressions disconcertingly occur. "Pathways of Mystery," by Isabel Mackie (13 years) is also of the best of the older girls; though Eileen and Sheila Beddy, Hedda Donn-Byrne and Wendy Price show originality and ability. From the youngest contributor, Jane Donn-Byrne (aged 5), there is the delicious inconsequence of the "fragments," ending—

"I wish I were a Leprachaun,
With coat of red and green,
Hammer, hammer all the day
My hammer I'd ring."

which, though hardly poetry, is certainly an expression of five-year-old mentality. The book will interest students of child psychology.

"Almond Blossom." A collection of verse and prose. By the Children of Tormead. London: Samson, Low and Marston. 6/-.

The more money the Government spends the better it is for those who carry on the business of accountancy.—Major J. W. Hills, M.P.

LATEST FICTION.

ALREADY famous as an actor, Mr. Russell Thorndike, brother of Miss Sybil Thorndike, gave us one of the most successful novels of recent years in "Dr. Syn." His second novel, "The Slype," is a truly remarkable piece of work. It is a mystery story. It tells of queer disappearances of eminent clergy in an old cathedral town. It is highly ingenious and holds the reader from the first page to the last of its closely-packed, forty-six chapters. Its charm, however, is in its wonderful writing—richly humorous, romantic, vivid. It recalls "Edwin Drood" in the Dickensian mannerisms, in the scenes and episodes, and even in some characters which simply walk out of one book into the other; and yet it is something more than an imitation. It has unity and individuality. Dickens would not have scorned to put his name to it. The atmosphere of old time England clings about the pages. Not the shallow life of to-day, but the satisfying leisurely life, now grave, now droll, of other times is here; and when the choir sings to Basil, "Hear and ah ha ha ha hanswer us," we taste the flavour of a humour that has passed

"The Slype." By Russell Thorndike. Holden. 7/6 net.

That all artists are pilgrims is the theme of Ethel Mannin's new book. Louis van Roon, illegitimate son of a Dutch girl and a circus driver, in spite of discouragement from the relatives who adopt him, at last succeeds as the impressionist artist he has always aspired to be. His boyhood, with all its vicissitudes, is drawn with great interest, whether as a schoolboy, whose drawing of things as they seem disgusts the art master, who wants them drawn as they are, or at home with the picture dealer, his adopted father, who, accustomed to the work of the old masters, sees only the product of a disordered brain in the boy's expressionist picture of the Bells of Bruges. The empty posturing life of the thousands of art students who foregather in Montparnasse from the ends of the earth, and of whom only an infinitesimally small number anything is ever heard, is freshly described, and the essential loneliness of our hero, because he is a true artist, is convincingly depicted. Miss Mannin has conducted us to all the art centres of Europe, and in a well-ordered, vivid book has made them all interesting.

"Pilgrims." By Ethel Mannin. Jarrolds. 7/6.

Comparisons are odious, yet one must realise the contrast between "Wind of Dawn," which deals with the troubled times in Ireland, and one or two other Irish novels on the same theme. In "Wind of Dawn" the writer seemingly has gained her information from hearsay or from village gossip. Her characters soliloquise aimlessly on politics and religion from the sanctitude of their ancestral hearths, and at least two of them are martyrs to tautology. If Miss MacMahon would use her knowledge of the Irish peasantry—and the few renderings she gives of Irish diction and wit are delightful—we should expect a tale from her on the same plane as "Spanish Gold."

"Wind of Dawn." By Elia MacMahon. Lane. 7/6 net.

"The Slip Coach," is a complex and ingenious detective story, rather reminiscent of Victorian novels. Doyne, the detective, is an ex-Irish Constabulary officer working in England. When Sir Constantine was found murdered in a coach slipped from a holiday excursion train, a highly intricate problem arose; and 300 pages were necessary to unravel it. Mr. Fortune, the nonchalant creation of Mr. H. C. Bailey, solves six problems in Mr Bailey's new book—always with irritating ease. The crimes are exceedingly ingenious; but Mr. Fortune's methods appear to depend on intuition, or a secret knowledge of the author's plans.

"The Slip Coach." By Cuthbert Baines. Arnold. 7/6 net. "Mr. Fortune, Please." By H. C. Bailey. Methuen. 7/6 net.

"Hildegarde" is a quite inconsequent study of a girl born of poor and thriftless parents in a San Francisco slum, who makes her way single-handed in the world. The author is at pains to give us a detailed psychological study of her heroine, but the critical reader may find Hildegarde too much of a "movie" stock type for him to follow her career with that attention which the method of narration seems to demand. Hildegarde's first contact with the male sex, Hildegarde's reversals and failures in her breadwinning ventures, Hildegarde's eventual love affair, all smack too much of the conventional stock-in-trade of the popular novelist to stir the reader deeply.

"Hildegarde." By Kathleen Norris. John Murray. 7/6 net.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

FICTION.

The Longest Shadow. By Jeffrey E. Jeffrey. Heinemann. 7/6 net.

The Wife of Evelyn Strode. By Lucien Smith. Thornton Butterworth. 7/6 net.

Kelston of Kells. By H. M. Anderson. Blackwood. 7/6 net.

Oscar Strom. By P. Whitehouse. Arrowsmith. 7/6 net.

Lotus Lane. By Constance Smith. Melrose. 7/6 net.

Gemini. By Charles Lloyd-Jones. Duckworth. 7/6 net.

A Case of Conscience. By Isabel C. Clarke. Hutchinson. 7/6 net.

A First Check. By Mina Holt. Long. 7/6 net.

The Lovely Ship. By Storm Jameson. Heinemann. 7/6 net.

The Allinghams. By May Sinclair. Hutchinson. 7/6 net.

The Dummy of Stalwright Hall. By G. Leslie Baker. Herder. 6/- net.

A Silent Handicap. By Ann Denman. Arnold. 7/6 net.

Brother Saul. By Donn Byrne. Sampson Low. 7/6 net.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Sumer-Aryan Dictionary. By L. A. Waddell. London: Luzac. 12/- net.

The Political Ideas of the Greeks. By J. L. Myres. London: Arnold. 14/- net.

Good Health and Happiness. By J. Ellis Barker. London: Murray. 7/6 net.

The Field-Club Flora of the Lothians. Edinburgh: Blackwood.

A New Europe: II. By Dr. C. F. Heerfordt. London: Holden.

Forward to Nature. By J. S. Collis. London: Cape. 4/6 net.

Humour of To-day. London: Harrap. 3/6 net.

The League of Nations and the World's Workers. By Kathleen E. Innes. London: Hogarth Press. 1/6 net.

Coal. London: The Hogarth Press. 2/6 net.

Basic Principles of Air Warfare. By "Squadron Leader." London: Gale and Polden. 7/6 net.

American Investments in Europe. By C. T. Hallinan. London: Europa Company. 3/6 net.

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The Works of Louis Becke: Notes from My South Sea Log. The Adventures of Louis Blake. London: T. Werner Laurie. 5/- net each.

The Quakers. By A. Neave Brayshaw. London: Swarthmore Press. 3/6 net.

The Shoemaker's Holiday. By Thomas Dekker. **The Honourable History of Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay.** By Robert Greene. London: Holden. 5/- net each.

POETRY AND DRAMA.

The Comedian. By Henri G. Leon. London: Steed and Ward. 2/6 net.

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Knocking Around. By Frank H. Shaw. London: Cassell. 10/6 net.

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ENNIS TWO-GALLON POTTLE.

A PROBLEM IN LIQUID MEASURE.

Are there two pottles in a gallon or two gallons in a pottle? This is the problem which is now agitating the minds of Clare milk contractors. The County Board of Health, when advertising for milk supplies to their institutions, required tenders to specify the price per pottle; and, at their last meeting, those tenders were submitted for consideration. Milk vendors from the Ennis district tendered at an average price of 1s. 9½d. per pottle; those from Kilrush at 7½d. per pottle.

During a discussion it was stated that Kilrush and Ennis took different views as to the capacity of a pottle. One held that there were two pottles in a gallon; the other that there were two gallons in a pottle.

MILK VENDORS DIFFER.

The members of the Board of Health have always acted on the latter view; but the Kilrush milk vendors said that the most authoritative information at their command was to the effect that there were two pottles in a gallon. They were asked why they had not consulted a Table Book, and their reply was that in the latest Table Books, issued to school children, there was no mention of a pottle. The Board then allowed the Kilrush tenders to be withdrawn, so that fresh tenders could be prepared for the next meeting on the understanding that a pottle was equal to two gallons. One Kilrush milk vendor said that they had paid dearly for that information, as they had had to pay their railway fares to Ennis to get it.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

Since the meeting, the Kilrush milkmen have been consulting schoolmasters, ancient Table Books and the latest dictionaries, all of which agree that a pottle is only four pints or half a gallon, and that there is no such measure as the Ennis two-gallon pottle.

CLONAKILTY INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Four deaths are recorded as a result of an outbreak of influenza in Clonakilty, and the epidemic is described as the most serious one experienced in the district for almost ten years.

Over thirty residents of the town are undergoing treatment for the disease, to which entire families have fallen victims.

MOIRA UNIONISTS.

In response to the appeal made at the annual meeting of the West Down Unionist Association to assist in raising funds to clear off the debt at Headquarters, Belfast, a lecture was delivered in the Orange Hall, Moira, by the Rev. E. A. Myles, Rector of Tullylish, for this object. A liberal response was made by those present.

In commemoration of the storming of Badajoz, the Trooping of the Colour of the 1st Battalion, 45th Regiment (Sherwood Foresters) took place at Ebrington Barracks, Derry, yesterday.

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CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

£1,000 BURNING AWARD.

KERRY FARMER'S ALLEGED FRAUD.

ON TRIAL FOR ARSON.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE HANNA.)

The trial was opened yesterday, and adjourned until this morning, of Patrick Daly, who is charged with burning his dwellinghouse and hayshed at Knockanish, Tralee, Co. Kerry, and attempting fraudulently to obtain £2,500 compensation from the Kerry County Council.

Mr. Dudley, K.C., and Mr. C. Bewley, K.C. (instructed by the State Solicitor), prosecuted; Mr. T. O'Donnell (instructed by Mr. J. B. O'Connell) defended, and Mr. M. Maguire, K.C., held a watching brief for an interested insurance company.

AFTER BAILIFFS' VISIT.

Mr. Bewley explained to the jury that the accused man had a small one-storey cottage in Kerry, where he lived with his brother and his brother's wife and children. It would be proved that previous to the burning bailiffs visited the place to carry out a seizure, and that the decree was returned marked *nulla bona*.

After the burning, however, Daly sent in a long list of household furniture, household articles, including Waterford glass ware, and farm produce, a circumstance calculated to arouse suspicion. An insurance policy had been taken out for £500, and that had been increased to £4,000.

Counsel added that the removal of furniture and household articles would be proved.

SMOKING ON LAWN.

Detective P. J. Kirwan, Tralee, gave evidence that on this morning he went out to Knockanish with a number of other Guards and detectives, arriving there about 5.15 o'clock. They found the western end of Daly's house on fire. Daly was on the lawn smoking his pipe.

He (Detective Kirwan) got into portion of the house which had not been touched by the fire, and, with another Guard, removed furniture from the parlour and the servants' rooms. He saw two bedsteads, from which the bed-clothes had been removed.

He got on to the roof afterwards, but failed to cut the roof with a hay knife and a hay fork. When he shouted to Daly to hand him up something to separate the burning thatch from that which had not become ignited, Daly paid no attention to him.

The house and the hayshed at the back were completely burned out. Daly claimed £40 compensation for turnips destroyed, but the Guards did not see any turnips in the place.

On the 27th January, 1926, the Guards went to Ballygarry, where Daly was then living. In an outhouse they found a disused stove, and, in the stove, table knives, dessert spoons, a sugar tongs, breakfast forks, egg spoons, and two decanters. In the dwelling-house they found a scales and weights and a decanter.

A DENIAL STATEMENT.

Kathleen O'Connell deposed to some of the articles, alleged to have been destroyed in the fire, being brought to her house.

An official of the Kerry Circuit Court proved the application for £2,500, and the award of £1,053.

The Judge asked if ratepayers opposed the application, and the witness replied: "Oh! yes."

A superintendent of the Civic Guard related that Julia Sullivan, a servant girl employed in Daly's house, told him that on the morning of the fire she became alarmed, and, going downstairs, met Mrs. Daly. She asked Mrs. Daly where the fire was, and Mrs. Daly answered: "Go back to bed, child; that is only a passing motor car." The girl subsequently denied making the statement.

WHAT POLICE "HEARD."

Cross-examined by Mr. O'Donnell, the superintendent said that he heard that there had been a lot of trouble over this farm.

"You must prove that," the Judge said to Mr. O'Donnell; adding: "What a policeman hears is not evidence, any more than what anybody else hears." (Laughter.)

The witness told the judge that in recent years a number of farmsteads had been burned in Kerry.

The trial was then adjourned till this morning.

FOUR YEARS FOR CATTLE THIEF.

NOT WANTED IN AUSTRALIA.

James Healy, convicted of stealing six heifers belonging to Michael Lynch and Thomas Radcliffe, Cloghran, Co. Dublin, was sentenced to four years' penal servitude. Henry Johnston and Thomas Sharkey were each sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labour, as Healy's confederates.

It was alleged by the State that the heifers were taken to a fair in Bray, Co. Wicklow, and sold for £70 to Thomas Lyons, a cattle dealer.

Detective-Sergeant Lynch said that Sharkey and Johnston had previously been convicted in connection with the issue of bogus cheques. Healy was a degenerate. He had induced another man to steal cattle before, and then "gave him away" to the police. He was a sleveen, associating with crooks, and giving false information to the police.

Healy promised to go to Australia if he got off lightly, but the judge remarked that Australia had no use for men with his bad record. The judge added that cattle-stealing was a most serious offence in an agricultural country like Ireland, where animals were so easy to steal, and so difficult to trace.

ST. ULTAN'S CONCERTS.

The fourth of the St. Ultan's Concerts will take place on next Wednesday at the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin, when the first performance of Herbert Howell's melodious Quartet in A minor will be given. This quartet was chosen from among the works submitted by 130 composers for publication by the Carnegie Trust.

BOAT RACE PRACTICE.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS
RACE TO BE ROWED ABOUT 1.30 P.M. TO-MORROW.

Although Oxford did little work in the morning, they had an extended outing in the afternoon, and showed quite good form against a scratch eight, comprising Jesus College, London, and Thames R.C. oarsmen. They rowed for two separate minutes, starting each time from a stake boat. In the first minute they completed 37 strokes and in the second 36. Their rowing was much better on the second occasion, and they beat the scratch crew by about half a length. Earlier in the day the Dark Blues practised starts, and afterwards rowed 9½ strokes in 16 seconds. From a stake boat they repeated the performance. They next had a minute's row, in which they got in 37½, but there appeared a tendency to get short.

The Light Blues, accompanied by a Westminster Bank eight, paddled as far as Hurlingham in the morning. They turned at this point, and in a start of 10 strokes, they gained a quarter of a length on the scratch eight. They then rowed for a minute from a stake boat and got in 36. The Westminster Bank crew were nearly half a length in front at the start, but the Cambridge boat was level in half a minute. Cambridge had only a short outing in the afternoon, their plans being upset by the bad weather. They rowed for half a minute at 37½ with a Pembroke College scratch eight, which included one or two London oarsmen.

According to the present weights, it would appear that the Cambridge crew on the day of the race will average 12st. 6½lb. and the Oxford oarsmen 12st. 9lb.

DUNDALK R.C.

At the annual meeting of the Dundalk Rowing Club, Mr. H. McIntosh presiding, Mr. Lait submitted his annual report, in which he stated that a strong effort should be made to arrange a regatta programme, with the shortest possible interval between the races, and to insist on the crews starting punt in time. If they could make the regattas spectators. He concluded last regatta Newry and

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THE LANE PICTURES.

HOUSING OF MUNICIPAL COLLECTION.

The annual general meeting of the Friends of the National Collections was held yesterday afternoon at the Dublin residence of Mr. Dermod O'Brien, President of the Royal Hibernian Academy. The Earl of Granard presided over a gathering that was large, in view of the inclement weather.

Mr. H. M. Sinclair, the honorary secretary, read the annual report, which stated that the membership of the Society now was 130, which the Council considered to be a disappointingly low total. The Council acknowledge the receipt of the following gifts for presentation to the National Museum:—From Mr. H. M. Sinclair: a fourteenth century carved ivory leaf of a diptych, representing St. Christopher carrying the Infant Saviour and St. Mary of Egypt receiving the cloak from an angel; from Mr. Denis Santry, a fine collection of Javanese batik; and from Mr. W. B. Brooks, a silk handkerchief, printed about 1840, with the flags of all nations in colour. The Society purchased a silk coverlet made of English embroideries of the late seventeenth century, which was particularly desired by the Director of the National Museum to complete the equipment of an eighteenth century bed.

Referring to the important matter of the Lane pictures, which had occupied much of the Council's attention during the year, the report stated:—The facts have become better understood in England, where a considerable body of opinion exists in favour of restoring the pictures to Ireland. But this requires legislation, for which it is always difficult to find time, and the force of inertia is on the side of those who wish to retain the pictures in London. To overcome this inertia, it is necessary to organise and express the strong feeling which we believe exists in Ireland on this subject. It appeared to us that the Friends of the National Collections were specially fitted by the voluntary nature and the particular object of their association for this work of organisation and publicity. Certainly if we can contribute, however little, to the return of the Lane pictures, we shall have done more for the National Collections than by many years of gifts from our small resources.

Accordingly we approached a number of the leading public bodies of Ireland, artistic, learned, professional and political—such as are, or should be, interested in recovering so precious a possession for Ireland. We have already received a most gratifying response to our suggestion. In this we are only renewing the effort made last summer by the Governors of the National Gallery.

While it is necessary to continue to press our claim on the British Government, it is also important to strengthen it by providing the new Municipal Gallery in Dublin, as this was a condition of Sir Hugh Lane's original gift. Special emphasis was laid on this aspect of the question in the important statement made by the President of the Executive Council in the Dáil on March 2.

The report was adopted.

HOUSING OF PICTURES.

Mr Thomas Bodkin proposed the following resolutions:

"(1) That the friends of the National Collections of Ireland welcome the admirable pronouncement recently made by the President in Dáil Eireann, on the subject of the Lane pictures, and, in particular, his reassertion of the International nature of the question of their disposal, and his invitation to the Municipality of Dublin to provide forthwith a gallery for their reception.

"(2) That the President be informed that, in the respectful opinion of the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland, the possession of these pictures would confer such prestige and profit upon the nation as a whole, and that the Dublin Municipality are entitled to look outside their own jurisdiction for practical assistance in the expensive and difficult work of providing a gallery which should house adequately such a superb collection.

"(3) That the control and maintenance of such a gallery should be the business of the Municipality: firstly, because the Lane pictures were expressly bequeathed to Dublin by Sir Hugh Lane; secondly, because a new gallery would also serve to contain the fine collection of modern pictures which Dublin already possesses, and which is at present so inadequately housed, and, thirdly, because Dublin should display an interest in the Fine Arts commensurate with the dignity of a capital city. In this connection the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland would point out that Paris supports and continually enriches the municipal collection in the Petit Palais; that the Hague acts similarly towards the Gemeen Ze Museum, and that all the principal cities of England maintain, at their own charges, great collections of pictures.

"(4) That while the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland are well aware of technical objections which may be raised against the provision of a gallery to contain pictures not yet in our possession, they must assume that justice will prevail eventually, and they hold that we should be in a position to house these pictures in the manner desired by their generous donor when they pass into what is now admitted by all the principal parties to the controversy to be the ownership which he intended.

"(5) That the Executive Council and the Dublin Commissioners be asked to receive a deputation to urge the views of the Society in further detail."

Mr. Bodkin, in proposing the series of resolutions, said that they had been prepared very carefully by the Council in view of the importance of the matter. They considered it very necessary that some provision should be made for the housing of the modern pictures already in Dublin. It was a disgrace to a capital city that these pictures of great importance and considerable number should be housed in a decaying building, in what was not an important street.

Sir Philip Hanson, in seconding the proposals, said that in his opinion there was no question of impairing the validity of the Wills Act, or even of making an excention. They did not, for a moment, deny that the pictures legally belonged to the British Government, but they did claim that a special Act of Parliament should be passed to enable the English trustees to hand over the pictures in accordance with what was acknowledged to be Sir Hugh Lane's intentions. As to the resolution on the subject of a new municipal gallery, he thought that it was desirable that the Friends of the National Collections, being a voluntary organisation of persons interested in such matters, should make representation to the Government and to the City Commissioners. He took it that the Government was only waiting to be pushed; and the society was doing its best to provide the push through enlightened public opinion.

Miss S. C. Harrison, a member of the society, spoke in support of the resolutions, and they were carried unanimously.

The Chief Justice, in seconding a vote of thanks to the chairman, said that the society seemed to be doing real good work, which was deserving of every encouragement.

The Earl of Granard, replying, said that he was sure that when the society and its work became better known more members would come in. It was very necessary to have some organisation to look after what we have in this country. Works of art were leaving England and the Continental countries, and it was necessary to see that the Irish artistic treasures did not also disappear.

With regard to the Lane Pictures, he was sure from what he knew that the British Government was only too anxious to deal with Ireland fairly, but the Wills Act stood in the way. With regard to a new gallery in Dublin, he would throw out the suggestion that something might be done in that direction when, in a very short time, Dublin Castle and the Royal Hospital at Kilmainham had become vacant.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL REQUEST THEIR RETURN.

At the adjourned quarterly meeting of the County Dublin County Council held yesterday—Mr. J. A. O'Neill presiding—the following resolution was adopted unanimously:—

"That, in the opinion of this Council, the pictures left by Sir Hugh Lane to Dublin should be restored without delay, and that steps should be taken to have a suitable building erected for properly housing the collection in accordance with the scheme approved and adopted by the Dublin Corporation."

A SUITABLE BUILDING.

Proposing the resolution, Mrs. Sheehy-Skeffington said that her object was to show that there was a strong sentiment in Ireland for the return of the Lane pictures. It had been stated in England recently that there was no demand or desire in Ireland for the return of the pictures, and it was desirable to show that the contrary was the case.

With reference to the latter portion of the resolution, if they were to have the pictures back they must have a suitable building, and a suitable scheme had been approved and adopted years ago by the Dublin Corporation.

Mrs. Cosgrave, seconding the resolution, said that there was no question that they were all of one mind on the matter.

£20,000 FOR ROADS.

Arising out of a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, intimating that a grant of £20,000 for the tarring of trunk and link roads was available, the County Surveyor submitted a list of roads proposed to be treated under the grant.

The amount has been allocated as follows:—Balrotherv, £5,500; Celbridge, £2,800; North Dublin, £4,700; South Dublin, £4,000; Rathdown, £3,000.

The matter was referred to the Roads Committee.

IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATION.

STATEMENT BY MR. AMERY.

In the House of Commons, London, yesterday, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy asked the Secretary to the Treasury if he would state what was the present position with regard to the pictures left by the late Sir Hugh Lane.

Mr. Amery—I have been asked to reply. I would refer the hon. member to the reply given by the Prime Minister to a question by the hon. member for Ripon on July 5th last. The position is unchanged since that date.

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy—Is not the position still, therefore, that all that is required to have these pictures sent to Dublin is legislation in this House, and does the right hon. gentleman propose to bring in that legislation?

Mr. Amery—No, sir; the Prime Minister's answer was very clear on that point.

Sir William Davison—Is it not a fact that Sir Hugh Lane stipulated that a gallery should be built if these pictures were to go to Dublin, and that no steps have been taken in this matter by the Irish Free State?

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy—Is it reasonable to expect a gallery to be built if there are no pictures?

Mr. Amery—The question of the gallery does not arise. It is only a question of introducing legislation to override the rights of the National Gallery. After a full and careful examination of the whole question, the Government have decided that they could not do that.

THIEF SENTENCED.

Patrick Kenny Glover, labourer, Gorey Hill, was sentenced to six months' hard labour at Gorey District Court yesterday for stealing bed clothes and wearing apparel, value £5, from the premises of Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Ballinacoola, Crossford.

ENNISCORTHY RATES INCREASED.

Enniscorthy Urban Council have adopted a rate of 12s. 4d. in the £, an increase of 2d. on last year. An extra charge this year will be the provision of meals for school children, costing 3d. in the £.

ATTACK ON CIVIC GUARD BARRACK.

At Donegal Criminal Sessions the jury acquitted a young man, named James Quinn, who was charged with taking part in an attack on Doochary Civic Guard Barracks. It was stated that the attack lasted ten minutes, and between twenty and thirty shots were fired at the building.

NATIONAL BALANCE SHEETS AT A GLANCE.

FREE STATE.

The following are the Receipts into and Issues out of the Free State Exchequer between 1st April, 1926, and 31st March, 1927:—

Revenue and Other Receipts.	Total Receipts into the Exchequer from 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.	1st April, 1925, to 31st March, 1926.
REVENUE.	£	£
Customs	8,830,000	6,858,000
Excise	5,702,000	5,236,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	612,000	517,000
Estate, etc., Duties	932,000	1,022,000
Stamps	456,000	398,000
Property and Income Tax (including Super Tax and Mineral Rights Duty)	5,063,000	5,667,000
Corporation Profits Tax	400,000	433,000
Excess Profits Tax	58,000	101,030
Post Office	1,690,000	1,699,000
Miscellaneous:		
Receipts on account of Land Purchase Annuities and Sundry Loans	755,206	736,632
Other Receipts	1,528,172	1,415,464
Total Revenue	£25,960,378	£25,438,296
OTHER RECEIPTS.		
Repayment of Temporary Advances:		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	£215,000	£30,000
Money raised by Creation of Debt:		
For Capital Expenditure Issues under the Telegraph Acts	165,500	210,000
By Irish Free State Bills	2,500,000	
By Savings Certificates	740,500	701,500
Ways and Means Advances:		
By Public Departments	91,000	155,000
Total Receipts	£28,672,378	£26,858,596
Balance in Exchequer on 1st April, 1926, and 1st April, 1925	233,250	1,581,192
Total	£28,905,628	£28,239,788
Roinn Airgid (Department of Finance), Dublin, 31st March, 1927.		

Expenditure and Other Issues.	Total Issues out of the Exchequer to meet payments from 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.	1st April, 1925, to 31st March, 1926.
EXPENDITURE.	£	£
Central Fund Services	£3,183,192	£2,874,054
Supply Services	23,891,945	23,346,584
Total Expenditure	£27,075,137	£26,220,638
OTHER ISSUES.		
Temporary Advances:		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	£132,050	£94,000
Under the Shannon Electricity Act, 1925	704,469	807,298
Issues to meet Capital Expenditure under the Telegraph Acts	165,500	210,000
Savings Certificates paid off	139,000	110,700
Ways and Means Advances Repaid:		
Public Departments	125,000	764,000
Total Issues	£28,341,057	£28,006,636
Balance in Exchequer on 31st March, 1927, and 31st March, 1926	564,391	233,258
Total	£28,905,628	£28,239,788

Temporary Borrowings Outstanding:	At 31st March, 1927.	At 31st March, 1926.
	£	£
Irish Free State Bills	£2,500,000	
Ways and Means Advances	£1,079,000	£1,113,000
	£3,579,000	£1,113,000

NORTHERN IRELAND.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—Financial Year ended 31st March, 1927.

REVENUE.	£
Transferred Taxes (Estate Duties, Stamps, etc.)	953,600
Motor Vehicle Duties	377,925
Reserved Taxes (Income Tax, Customs and Excise, Post Office, etc.)	7,232,613
Land Purchase Annuities	668,000
Church Temporalities Rent Charges, etc.	15,000
Issues from Imperial Exchequer for provision of Public Buildings under Section 34 of Government of Ireland Act, 1920	126,800
Imperial Grant-in-Aid of Special Constabulary for year 1925-26—Final Instalment	60,000
Imperial Contribution towards Unemployment Fund (N.I.) Equalisation Payment	866,473
Interest on advances to Unemployment Fund	201,000
Miscellaneous (Transferred Fee Stamps, Interest on Investments, etc.)	61,140
Total Revenue	£11,159,450

EXPENDITURE.	£	£
Consolidated Fund Services—viz.:		
Road Fund (Motor Vehicle Duties)	377,925	
Sinking Fund Charges	173,331	
Interest on Temporary Borrowings (net)	84,118	
Other Consolidated Fund Services	19,506	
		654,880
Supply Services—viz.:		
Old Age Pensions	1,189,000	
Royal Ulster Constabulary	782,000	
Special Constabulary	139,000	
Unemployment Insurance and Relief Grants	1,758,428	
National Health, Widows', etc., Insurance	273,000	
Education	1,849,000	
Agriculture (including Grants in relief of Agricultural rates)	405,627	
Other Supply Services	1,118,346	
		7,516,401
Reserved Services, including Post Office		1,735,837
Contribution to cost of Imperial Services (Army, Navy, War Pensions, etc.)		1,217,879
Total Expenditure chargeable against Revenue		£11,124,197
Surplus of Revenue over Expenditure		35,253
Total		£11,159,450

GENERAL RECEIPTS AND ISSUES ACCOUNT.

OTHER RECEIPTS.	£
Balance in Exchequer on 1st April, 1926	31,357
Ulster Savings Certificates	425,000
Temporary Borrowings (Current Year)	5,891,000
Repayment of Advances to Unemployment Fund	1,313,622
Advances from Government Loans Fund for:—	
(a) Housing Act Grants	163,280
(b) Erection, etc., of Police Barracks	16,867
Loans Repayments for British Treasury Account	88,08
New Land Purchase Annuities for British Treasury Account	7,06
Balance of Income Account (above).	35,25
	£10,970,763

OTHER ISSUES.	£
Surplus (1925-26) issued to Reserve Fund	50,061
Ulster Savings Certificates (Principal) repaid	183,000
Temporary Borrowings Repaid	5,742,000
Advances to Unemployment Fund.	1,830,000
Issues from Exchequer for:—	
(a) Grants under the Housing Acts	163,280
(b) Erection, etc., of Police Barracks (Capital Expenditure)	16,867
Loans Repayments remitted to British Treasury	89,971
Land Purchase Annuities to British Treasury	6,247
Balance in Exchequer on 31st March, 1927	39,317
	£10,970,763

W. B. SPENDER,
Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

GREAT BRITAIN.

British Revenue figures, Receipts and Expenditure, April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927:—

RECEIPTS.	Estimates for 1926-1927. £	Increase or Decrease. £
Customs	107,515,000	+ 4,028,000
Excise	132,978,000	- 1,582,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	21,393,000	+ 3,337,000
Estate, etc., Duties	67,320,000	+ 6,120,000
Stamps	24,750,000	+ 50,000
Land Tax, etc.	880,000	- 70,000
Income Tax	234,717,000	- 24,694,000
Super Tax	65,910,000	- 2,600,000
Excess Profits Duty	4,500,000	+ 2,500,000
Corporation Profit Tax	3,970,000	- 7,700,000
Post Office	58,850,000	+ 1,500,000
Crown Lands	1,010,000	+ 60,000
Interest on Loans	22,854,273	+ 7,909,814
Miscellaneous:—		
Ordinary Receipts	28,213,975	+ 10,865,354
Special Receipts	30,839,985	- 6,084,585
Total	£805,701,233	- £6,360,423

EXPENDITURE.	Estimates for 1926-1927. £	Increase or Decrease. £
National Debt Services	378,583,679	+ 20,354,433
Road Fund	17,373,190	- 81,854
Payments to Local Taxation	14,172,075	- 281,434
Payments to Northern Ireland	5,766,752	+ 905,938
Other Consolidated Fund Services	2,869,331	+ 497,762
Supply Services	423,630,000	+ 4,320,000
Land Settlement	Nil	- 779,546
Total	£842,395,027	+£16,295,249

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PARTIES IN DAIL EIREANN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Mr. Collins-O'Driscoll, T.D., in her letter in your issue of yesterday, did not attempt to defend the implication in the reported speech on Monday last, that the opposition in the *Dáil* would not allow an Afforestation Bill to be introduced, although the main purpose of my letter was to refute this implication. Instead, she indulges in a plaintive wail for votes for the Government Party. She says now, "No section of the people will gain more by the return of the present Government than the workers and the poor and lowly." Evidently, Mrs. Collins-O'Driscoll thinks "the workers and the poor and lowly" have short memories and forget the class of "benefits" they have received from her party during the past few years.

During its period of office, the Government has found time, notwithstanding frequent heavy pressure of legislation, to establish the following record:—

Reductions in old age pensions;
Cutting down of wages of employés of local authorities;
Cutting off of unemployment benefit;
Reductions in the salaries of teachers and civil servants;
Confiscation of the pension rights given to railwaymen under the Railways Act of 1924.

Is any further evidence needed to show the Government's bias against "the workers and the poor and lowly," for whom Mrs. Collins-O'Driscoll professes a belated solicitude?—Yours, etc.,

W. NORTON, T.D.

Dublin, March 31st, 1927.

THE BURDEN OF TAXATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—At no period of Irish history was industrial depression so pronounced as at present. Emigration from this country soon will have lowered the population to the three million mark. A general election is approaching, and Ministers are frantically endeavouring to convince the people that there is a good time coming, and suggesting that young people should not emigrate, but when there is no work and people are actually dying of starvation what alternative is there?

Mr. Blythe, no doubt, animated by the desire to see Ireland sober, places a prohibitive tariff on Irish whiskey, while allowing the Scotch distillers to send along their produce at a lower rate of duty than that imposed on the home article. At the present moment there is one distillery working in Dublin, the others are selling from their stock in bond. All over the country the same state of affairs exists. The farmers are unable to make ends meet; there is no demand for their barley. The Scotch whiskey firms will have the monopoly after a very short time, but apparently our T.D.'s have no desire to embarrass Mr. Blythe in his endeavour to shut down the Irish distilleries.

The Minister for Finance is also doing his utmost to wipe out another of Ireland's industries—viz., Horse Breeding. With the coming of the motor car breeding of the "hackney" and "brewery" horse types virtually ceased; now it appears that thoroughbreds are to follow suit, as horse racing is threatened with extinction. Why is this necessary adjunct to breeding taxed so heavily? England, with its population of about 40 millions, may not be badly hit by the entertainment tax at its many race meetings, but this country, with less than one-tenth of such a population, cannot bear such an impost. The betting tax has been added to this burden, and, in addition, race companies are compelled to contribute income tax on the three years average system, although it is an "open secret" that during the past few seasons these companies have only managed to pay their way. The provincial race meetings have been handicapped to an even greater extent than our metropolitan fixtures.

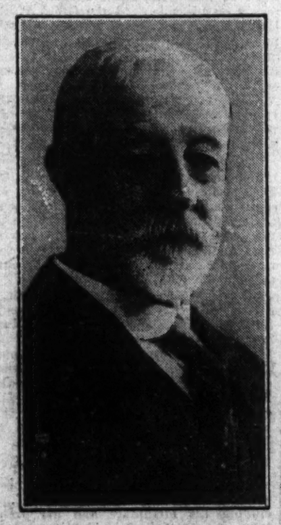
If the present Ministers hope for re-election they must assure us of their intention to encourage, and not exterminate, our existing industries.—Yours, etc.,

"PROGRESS."

County Dublin, March 31st, 1927.

NEW DUBLIN MATRON.

Miss Ruby V. Stokes, who has been appointed to the vacant position of Matron of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, was trained at Guy's Hospital. Her home is in Ireland



Mr. H. J. R. Diggs, who retires to-day after sixty years' service, forty years with Messrs. Eason and Son, Ltd., and twenty years with their predecessors, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, who disposed of their Irish business to Messrs. Eason and Son in 1886.

COUNTY WEXFORD SHOW.

County Wexford United Agricultural Society, at their annual meeting, decided by a majority vote to have a one-day show at Enniscorthy this year, instead of the usual two-day event. The date selected is July 28th.

The Secretary reported a decreased membership and gate receipts at the 1926 show, compared with 1924 and 1925. Heretofore they had a grant of £40 to £80 a year from the Department, but that had been stopped, and although expenditure was curtailed to pre-war level the credit balance was down compared with last year, the present balance being £111.

DUNGANNON'S RATE.

Dungannon Urban Council fixed a total rate of 10s. 6d. in the £, a reduction of 1d. The estimate included large sums for the laying down of two main thoroughfares in concrete, a loan for which is being applied.

NEW SCHOOLS FOR FERMANAGH.

It is understood that the Northern Ireland Ministry of Education will accede to the recent applications for loans for the building of two schools at Belleek and Mullaghmeen, County Fermanagh.

The Ministry, it is stated, will continue the grants to Derrykeeghan School until a further new school has been provided for the children in the southern portion of this area.

Thousands of ladies keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house. Those who use them recommend them, hence their enormous sale. Price 5s. Sold by all Chemists and Stores; or post free from Proprietors, Martin, Chemist, Southampton.—(Advt.)

HUNTING NOTES.

THE KILDARE HOUNDS.

Tuesday, 29th March—Saggart. A fox from Coolmine made a left-handed ring round the hill and back to the covert. Leaving again at the northern end, he crossed the valley and the Dublin-Blessington road on to the slopes of Verschoyle's Hill, where hounds were defeated, scent not being at all good. Johnstown Kennedy did not respond, and from Tinode hounds ran very fast to Goucher's covert, and had a lot the best of it. Unfortunately, our fox got to ground in the main earth through an oversight, which is much regretted.

THE WARD UNION.

The Ward Union Hounds will not hunt again this season.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE KILDARE.

April	Meet	Hour.
Saturday, 2nd	Skerries Rog	11.30

THE MEATH.

Saturday, 2nd	Ashbourne	11.30

SCARTEEN BLACK AND TANS.—April—To-day, Knocklong; Wednesday, 6th, Dromin (to finish the season). Meet at 1.30.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.—Saturday, 2nd April, Saggart, 2.0.

HUNTING.—Reports from the various packs, a list of appointments, and Point-to-Point fixtures appear each Saturday in *The Irish Field*. On sale at all Newsagents. Price 2d. By post, 6/6 half-yearly. Head Office—11 D'Olier street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Australian Jockey's Good Start.

W. J. Sibbritt, who rode Quick Return, the winner of the Wigston Plate, at Leicester yesterday (his first mount in England), is a West Australian jockey who has had some three hundred successes to his credit in his own country, including the Perth Cup and the West Australian Derby and St. Leger. He is 29 years of age.

The Prince at the Ringside.

The Prince of Wales fulfilled a promise made to a boxer when he was present at a boxing contest at the Albert Hall, London, last night between Teddy Baldock and Felix Friedmann, the German champion. When Baldock last fought at the Albert Hall the Prince congratulated him on his victory over Brown, and said, "I will see you box again." The Prince was given a great ovation when he arrived. He sat by the ringside with Lord Tweedmouth, and took a keen interest in the chief contest. He was wearing an eyeshade to shield his eyes from the glare of the ring lights. Following the German's defeat the Prince was much amused by the strains from the organ, "The more we are together," and laughed heartily when someone in the gallery shouted to the referee, "Do you want a pair of roller skates?"

Phœnix Park Races.

Judging by the number of horses for which stabling has been ordered, fields should be strong at the Phœnix Park Meeting to-morrow, and good-class sport seems assured. A special train leaves Broadstone at 2.15 p.m. and returns at 6 o'clock.

I. M. B. Stuart's New Appointment.

I. M. B. Stuart, the Irish Rugby and running international, is leaving St. Paul's School, where he has been on the staff for nearly two years, and is going to Harrow as a master in September.

Service Boxing.

The Imperial Services boxing championships were begun at Portsmouth last evening. One division, the officers' featherweight, was concluded, and in the final Lieutenant A. W. Byas, the Army champion, beat Flight Officer Watkins, R.A.F., on points. Lieutenant Schoales, the Army champion, defeated Lieutenant T. Hopper, Royal Navy, on points in the middle-weights; while Lieutenant C. S. Capper, the Army heavy-weight champion, easily beat Lieutenant E. H. Gregson, Royal Navy, the referee stopping the contest in the third round. Among the other ranks, Sergeant Beal, the Army, title holder, won his contest in the feather-weight division, defeating Ordinary Seaman Mudge, Royal Navy, on points.

A Salmon Problem.

Mr. A. E. Moeran, The Castle, Portumna, informs us that earlier in the week he killed a fresh-run salmon, 34lb. weight, on the Coolronan water of the Moy. This is easily the record for the river—the fish average 14lb. to 20lb.—but, as Mr. Moeran points out, the chief interest lies in the fact that in recent years there has been a decided upward tendency in the size of the fish in a number of Mayo rivers. In addition these heavier fish appear to run rather earlier than the recognised spring fish. These changes open up an interesting problem, to the solution of which other Western anglers may be able to contribute something.

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INTER-UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

DUBLIN V. LIVERPOOL.

Dublin University have arranged a fixture with Liverpool University, the match to be played to-morrow morning at Wyncote, Liverpool. The following team will travel by the British and Irish direct steamer, and after their game will attend the Ireland-England match at Great Crosby:—G. F. West, R. J. Leonard, A. N. Other, S. H. M. Weish, A. T. Williams, E. P. Griffith, S. Leonard, J. G. Wilson, E. G. Fitt, W. D. C. Crawley, T. G. McVeagh.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY V. MONKSTOWN.

Owing to heavy rain the Senior League match between Dublin University and Monkstown, arranged for College Park yesterday, could not be played, the umpires declaring the ground unfit.

LEINSTER LADIES' UNION.

SENIOR LEAGUE TO MARCH 30th.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Muckross	19	17	1	1	35
Old College	17	13	2	2	28
Maids of the Mount	17	11	2	4	26
Monkstown	20	12	6	2	26
Optimists A	19	11	7	1	23
Victoria	20	8	8	4	20
Dublin University	20	7	10	3	17
Pirelli	21	6	12	3	15
Optimists B	17	5	9	3	13
Antiquity	21	5	15	1	11
National Bank	18	3	13	2	8
Alexandra College	17	2	15	0	4

SENIOR SCHOOLS' CUP FINAL.

Cabra (holders) 5 goals v. Rathfarnham Abbey 1 goal.

JUNIOR SCHOOLS' CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Rathfarnham Abbey 2nd (holders) 3 goals v. Muckross nil.

Dalkey Loreto 8 goals v. Wesley 2nd nil.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

JUNIOR CUP FINAL.

Rathfarnham Abbey (holders) v. Dalkey Loreto, Milltown, 4 p.m.

CLUB MATCH.

Hill Court v. Castle Park, Hill Court, Glenageary, 11.30 a.m.

PRINCIPAL MATCHES TO-MORROW.

Ireland v. England, Liverpool.
Belvedere College v. Mountjoy School (Schools' Cup final).
Portrane v. Railway Union (Railway Cup final).
Pembroke Wanderers v. Monkstown (S.L.)

RUGBY.

CHANGE IN ENGLISH XV. TO PLAY FRANCE.

A change is announced in the English team to meet France in Paris on Saturday. K. Cassayet, (Royal Navy) is unable to play, and will be taken by J. M. S. Wallens (W

ANOTHER FRENCH CHANGE.

Another change in the French team to meet England in Paris to-morrow is announced. Cassayet, probably the strongest pack is unable to play, and Etcheberry, a former international against both Ireland and Wales, will take up the position of scrum half still further back, in addition to Diary and Lassalle mentioned as a candidate.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURE.

METROPOLITAN CUP FINAL.

Bective Rangers 2nd v. Lansdowne 2nd, Lansdowne road, 2.15.

LEINSTER CUP FINAL.

Lansdowne v. Dublin University, Lansdowne road, 3.45.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Schools' International Trial, Donnybrook, 4 p.m.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

Probables—P. Mullaney (C.U.S.); J. M'Carroll, M. Dee (capt.), M. E. Dasson (Blackrock), D. B. Wall (King's Hospital); T. Sheridan (Belvedere), J. P. Ryan

POVERTY IN WEST CORK.

FOUR DEATHS CAUSED BY STARVATION.

MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN DAIL.

Mr. Daniel Sullivan, of Clashduff, Adrigole, West Cork, died in the Castletownbere Hospital on Wednesday. His wife died last Saturday, and two of his children died on Tuesday. Their deaths were due to starvation and disease.

On the motion for the adjournment of the Dail last night, Mr. T. Donovan (Farmer, West Cork) called attention to the case of the Sullivan family.

"A few years ago," he said, "this family was living in comparatively good circumstances. At that time the British Fleet was in Castletownbere Harbour, and these people were able to get a ready market for their farm produce, fowl and eggs.

"On Saturday last a neighbour, seeing nobody around the house, visited it, and found the mother of the family dead, and the father and the five children in an extremely weak and ill condition. There were no beds except hay, no bedclothes, and practically no food. The only food in the house was a few pounds of yellow meal and half a loaf of bread."

WORST SINCE '47.

A Deputy—'47!

Mr. Donovan—I do not think that we have had such a calamitous state of affairs since '47. On Tuesday two other members of the family died of the same cause—a boy of seventeen and a girl of four. On Wednesday the father, Daniel Sullivan, died without regaining his mental faculties.

Mr. Donovan went on to say that before the Christmas adjournment, Deputy Murphy (West Cork) appealed to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to see that relief and home assistance would be issued to this family.

"I would remind the Minister," added Mr. Donovan, "that this is no isolated case, because there are upwards of, perhaps, twenty families in the locality in practically the same circumstances. Because they hold small plots of land they have been deprived of home assistance. They were people who were well off some years ago, and they preferred death to begging, borrowing or stealing.

SOMETHING WRONG.

"There must be something wrong with the Poor Law system—(hear, hear)—if parties such as these were deprived of home help. There was room for the Land Commission to do a whole lot in the district. There is plenty of room to spend money. The Land Commission is doing a little, but I am afraid that the works being done are not tapping the right sources.

"I hope that immediate action will be taken to prevent a recurrence of tragedies such as this."

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED.

Mr. Connolly, supporting the motion, said that what Mr. Donovan had said was a very mild description of what had taken place. The poverty that existed in Castlestownbere was typical of that which existed all along the seaboard as far as Baltimore. The Government should take immediate action; if not they would be too late to prevent further suffering.

He would prefer that the Minister for Agriculture should deal with these districts, because the people would never ask for home assistance—they would much prefer to work for a wage.

Afforestation could be carried out in large tracts of the country and people would willingly do that work. They would sooner die than ask for home assistance.

From his experience, Goleen and the islands were in as bad a condition as Castletownbere. When the President visited those districts last October he received deputations, and he could see the poverty of the people. One deputation consisted of ten one-cow, two two-cow, and two four-cow farmers. The land there was not land at all: it was a waste, a desert.

President—It was not in connection with relief that I was down there: it was in connection with housing.

Mr. Connolly—The housing conditions are deplorable.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE ASKING.

The Minister for Local Government said that he regretted that owing to the shortness of notice he had not been able to get all the information that he would like. He was inclined to think that Deputy Donovan had unduly stressed the distress which had arisen as a result of the absence of the British Fleet because he believed that the British Fleet very seldom paid a visit to that particular region—usually not more than once a year.

As to the Deputy's reference to the negligence of the Land Commission, he understood that in the immediate neighbourhood there was a scheme in operation entailing the expenditure of £200 and £100, and from his Department there had been a grant of £2,000 for the Glengariff-Castletown road, which runs through Adrigole.

The general position in the district from Cape Clear to Bereisland was that there was a certain amount of poverty among the small farming class, and in some cases it verged on extreme poverty. The holdings were uneconomic, and the people had to add to their means by fishing and road working.

THE FIRST NEWS.

There was nothing known of the condition of the Sullivan family until the dispensary doctor had been called in. They were living in an isolated district, and if they had made application for home assistance to the local office it would have been granted.

Mr. Donovan—When Deputy Murphy made an appeal here before the Christmas holidays for these people it was turned down because they were land-holders.

The Minister said that on that occasion he immediately made inquiries, and the Commissioner communicated with Deputy Murphy, and he was satisfied that everything reasonable was done in the case.

Under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1923, these people were entitled to have assistance either at their home or in the County Home, notwithstanding that they were land-holders.

This tragic and regrettable occurrence did not appear to be due to any dereliction of duty on the part of the local assistance officers, as nobody knew of the condition of these people until the mother had died. At a meeting of the County Board of Health the previous day the Commissioner made it clear that if a case such as that had been brought to his notice it would have been attended to immediately, and he gave instructions to the superintendent and assistant home assistance officers to visit the district and make all necessary arrangements for relief.

FULL INQUIRY.

He was having the whole matter looked into, and if any action were needed his department would attend to it. They all regretted the tragic occurrence, and he was sure that every member of the House felt the deepest sympathy with the unfortunate families.

It was unfair to pick out a scapegoat before all the facts and the circumstances were known, which did not appear to be known by the deputy.

DUTY OF ELECTORATE.

ADVICE ON SELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

The Rev. J. Pinkman, Adm., speaking at a meeting of the Men's Sodality in St. Mary's Parish, Athlone referred to the coming elections, and the duty of every man who had a vote to register it. To vote, he said, was the duty of men worthy of freedom.

"Think for yourselves, like men," he added, "or if you need advice, get it from people of good lives and disinterested motives. The Catholic Church sets a big store on the natural virtues of courage, honesty and truthfulness; and in Ireland these things are much wanted at the present day.

"We Irish people have sometimes given comparatively little thought or care to the selection of our public representatives. We need men with wider views and broader sympathies; men who have the interests, not of the individual or of a clique, but of the community at heart; men, too, who have the reputation of being able to run a business on sound economic lines; men who will be as careful—even more careful—about the disbursement of public moneys as they are about their own."

The farmers at Crosskeys, Ballybay, are moving in the matter of re-establishing the creamery there.

BELFAST HERESY CHARGES.

DERRY PRESBYTERIANS DEMAND.

A resolution demanding the fullest publicity of proceedings at Professor Davey's trial on the series of alleged heresy charges preferred against him was passed by an overwhelming majority at a demonstration under the auspices of the Presbyterian Bible Standards League in Derry last night.

The Mayor (Senator Hamilton), who presided, said that, while he occupied the chair at that meeting, it was only in deference to the wishes of intimate friends, and he did not intend making the slightest comment so far as the object of the meeting was concerned. He deprecated anything being said that would tend to cause division or mar the harmonious relations existing between the members of the Presbyterian Church.

He saw no reason why their present misunderstandings could not easily be settled, and advised the various speakers, in the interests of justice, not to refer to the case, seeing that it was still *sub judice*, and would be heard again at the Assembly.

The Rev. James Graham said that in matters theological no Court on earth—civil or ecclesiastical—would prevent him speaking while the breath was in his body, or cause him for one day to be silent in regard to the infallibility of his Lord and the final morality of His character.

If the chairman thought that it was not permissible for him to enter into this matter, he would not say another word, because he could not make his statement without reference to a particular individual.

Why should he (the speaker) be prevented speaking on this subject when there was no inhibition on that individual's books and teachings?

The Chairman, intervening, said that if Mr. Hunter wished to persevere with his statement he would vacate the chair.

Rev. Mr. Hunter then dealt with the matters at issue in the trial, and said that it was impossible for the General Assembly to decide the case in a few hours.

The meeting, at which no local clergymen were present, was also addressed by the Rev. John McLeod (Inverness) and the Rev. W. M. Robertson (Liverpool).

MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

It is learned from a semi-official source that Mr. Joseph Brennan has resigned his post of Secretary to the Free State Ministry of Finance.

It is known that for several months past he contemplated taking this step, but felt apparently that his retirement might appropriately be delayed until the end of the financial year. A native of Bandon, County Cork, Mr. Brennan was a pupil of Clongowes Wood College, and is a graduate of University College, Dublin, and of Cambridge. In 1911 he secured a high place in the examination for the first division of the Civil Service. On the negotiation of the Anglo-Irish Treaty he was appointed Auditor-General to the Provisional Government, and was subsequently transferred to the Secretaryship of the Finance Ministry.

It is understood that he will be succeeded in that post by Mr. J. J. McElligott, one of the Assistant Secretaries to the Ministry.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION IN BELFAST.

RE-OPENING OF THE GRAND CENTRAL.

The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland (Viscount Craigavon) was the principal speaker yesterday at the ceremony in connection with the re-opening of the Grand Central Hotel, Belfast.

At the outset the Prime Minister paid a compliment to Mr. John Grant, of Glasgow, for his enterprise in organising a company to re-open the hotel, and added that from the position of Belfast, as the capital city of Ulster, it was of great importance that a building of that kind, brought up to the highest possible state of perfection, should be ready to receive the visitors in their midst.

From the point of view of the commercial and business community, his lordship went on, it is equally important that they should have in practically unlimited numbers all the necessary beds and other accommodation in a large building like this to carry on that business which we are so anxious to attract to our shores.

Then we have a different aspect from which to approach the question of a premier hotel in Belfast, and that is the increased attraction of Ulster as a ground for tourists, especially from England, Scotland, and Wales (Applause.) We know well the handicap there has been in this respect, and we thank Mr. Grant for the courage that he has shown in overcoming what has been the chief stumbling block in getting the number of tourists we would like to see traversing our province.

Mr. Grant, in reply, said that Scotland and Northern Ireland were closely associated. They are (he proceeded) linked together by the same principles of independence and by ties of blood and inter-commercial relations. Since your Prime Minister took over the responsible task of administering this province we in Scotland, Mr. Grant said, followed the course of events over here with the most intense and sympathetic interest. (Applause.) No country will prosper unless the inhabitants have belief in its future. We Scotchmen have a great belief in the future of our country; and we also believe that your province, which is so closely associated with us, has a very great future before it.

BETTER ROADS FOR TOURISTS.

MINISTRY'S SUGGESTION TO CORK COUNCIL.

At a meeting of Cork County Council yesterday the Ministry of Local Government intimated that a grant of £8,000 from the Road Fund had been set aside on behalf of the Council for works of road improvement, and the recommendation was made that works of greatest advantage, from tourist point of view, should be aimed at in framing proposals under the grant.

The Ministry, in a further communication, stated that a sum of £33,061 had been provisionally allocated to the Council for the improvement of main roads in connection with the main improvement road grant of £200,000.

NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL SERVICE.

In our advertising columns appears an announcement of an examination for male clerkships in the Northern Ireland Civil Service, commencing on the 5th July. It is understood that the date of the examination, which is later than that adopted in previous years, was chosen as being the most suitable from an educational standpoint, representations having been made to the Civil Service Commissioners that the holding of an examination in April was inconvenient both to candidates entering from secondary schools in Northern Ireland and to the schools from which they entered.

The number of vacancies open to successful candidates in the forthcoming competition will be much smaller than on previous occasions.

VALUE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

That all those who had the true interests of the coming generation at heart should co-operate in furtherance of technical education was the advice given by Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, who presided at the annual prize distribution in connection with the Antrim Technical School.

Technical education, he added, had always been a subject outside the arena of party politics.

BELFAST FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Knocked down by a motor van near the Hippodrome, Belfast, last night, Robert Black, of Templemore avenue, Belfast, died a few minutes after his admission to hospital.

NORTHERN MAILS.

IMPERIAL MEMBERS' ATTITUDE.

"AN UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE."

In the Northern House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Mr. Devlin asked the Prime Minister whether any communications had passed between the members for Northern Ireland in the Imperial Parliament and the Government with regard to the mail service; whether he made known to the Imperial representatives the negotiations which were being carried on with the British Government in relation to the change in the mail service; and, if so, whether he will state what was the nature of these communications.

The Prime Minister—No, sir; no communications passed between the members for Northern Ireland in the Imperial Parliament and this Government respecting the subject.

Mr. Devlin further asked if the Prime Minister did not think it his duty and the duty of the Government to acquaint those who represented Northern Ireland at Westminster as to the attitude of the Government in reference to the mails question, so that there could be no conflicting policy.

The Prime Minister—There is no conflicting policy. Our colleagues in the Imperial House will, I hope, continue to urge the All-Red route, as we are urging it to-day.

Mr. Devlin asked was the Prime Minister aware of a meeting of members of the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of making certain representations to the Postmaster-General.

The Prime Minister said that he had no official information on the subject.

Mr. Devlin—Is it not the duty of the Prime Minister to get into communication with those members of the Imperial Parliament and ask them not to be urging and dictating an opposite policy to that urged here?

The Prime Minister—Of course, that is a matter for them to judge.

QUESTION RAISED AGAIN.

On the motion for adjournment Mr. Devlin again raised the question. He said he did not think in the history of Parliaments there was ever a more diverting situation than that which had arisen out of the mails question and the reversion to the Kingstown-Holyhead route. The Prime Minister was the representative of Northern Ireland. He had been negotiating with regard to the unsatisfactory condition of the mail service between Belfast and England, and had found after an experience, ripened by incidents of a most disagreeable character, that the system in operation for five years had been unsatisfactory.

Mr. Devlin alleged that, members of the Ulster Parliamentary Party in Westminster were conducting a violent agitation against the reversion to the old route, although the reversion took place at the request of the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland.

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

The Prime Minister said he was still at a loss to understand how the difficulty had arisen to which Mr. Devlin referred. Hitherto the practice had been that when a matter of any great importance affecting the welfare of Ulster arose the Secretary of the Ulster Parliamentary Party at Westminster communicated with him as to what was to be done. In this particular instance it so happened that he (the Prime Minister) made a speech a little while ago with reference to an all-red route, of which he was still in favour, and the temporary expedient that they had adopted at the moment (*via* Kingstown-Holyhead) would not interfere with the policy of the Government to go on and endeavour to get a direct connection between Northern Ireland and Great Britain.

The Government, under pressure from business and commercial circumstances, thought it was not fair during the intervening years, be they few or many, to deprive the community of the advantages that might be gained. Synchronising with the action taken by the Northern Government the Ulster members in the Westminster House, he understood, raised the question. He at the time had no knowledge such was going to be done, nor was he aware the question was before a meeting of the Ulster Party in the British House of Commons. It seemed to have been an unfortunate circumstance that a member in the Imperial House asked a question at the time when the Ulster Government was actually in negotiations with the Postmaster-General. Sometimes these difficulties arose, but he could give assurance the relationship with the official Unionist Party at Westminster were—as always—of the most harmonious character.

LABOUR MEMBER'S PROTEST.

Mr. Kyle (Labour) protested against the Premier's statement regarding the all-red route. It was merely the embodiment of a former phrase used in connection with the British Commonwealth of Nations. The Free State was as much a part of the Commonwealth as any other part. It was regrettable the Prime Minister had inferred that the Irish Free State did not comprise part of the British Commonwealth.

The Prime Minister—Perhaps it will shorten the discussion if I substitute all-British route for all-red route. We will not call it the all-red route any longer.

Mr. Devlin—Call it all-humbug route.

Mr. J. Beattie said his impression of the all-red route was that it was an all-red humbug. It was time that the Government had made up their minds what they were going to do.

The House adjourned.

FREE STATE SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

The following statement shows the investments in Saorstat Eireann Savings Certificates of the various denominations and repayments of principal and interest during the financial years ended 31st March, 1926, and 1927:—

	Year ended 31st March,		
Investments.	1927.	1926.	Increase.
£1 (Nominal)	£74,818	£63,029	£11,789
£10 ,,	70,463	55,761	14,702
£25 ,,	122,721	121,949	772
£26-£500 ,,	469,445	465,571	3,874
Totals	£736,447	£704,310	£32,837
Repayments:			
Principal ...	£135,948	£106,779	—
Interest	7,962	4,080	—
Totals	£143,910	£110,859	—

The gross sales of Savings Certificates to 31st March, 1927, amounted to £2,738,606, representing 3,529,614 Certificates. This is equal to an investment of 18s. 5d. per head of the population of the Irish Free State.

The total repayments of principal and interest to same date were £375,418, or 16 per cent. of the total invested, leaving a balance to credit of investors of £2,360,188.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS INVESTMENTS.

During the financial year ended 31st March, 1927, Savings Associations purchased 37,316 Certificates, nominal value £28,920, by instalments (as low as a penny), as against 31,352 Certificates, nominal value £24,321, during the previous financial year, being an increase of 5,934 Certificates, nominal value £4,599.

There are now 2,169 Savings Associations functioning in the Free State, the gross sales by instalments through which are £66,653, representing 86,004 Certificates.

BELFAST MOTOR MECHANIC KILLED.

While Thomas Snowden, Victoria street, Banbridge, was engaged in repairing a motor car at Messrs. Harry Ferguson's works, Belfast, his head was caught in some unaccountable manner and crushed against the wall of the pit in which he was working, and he died shortly after his admission to hospital.

A HARBINGER OF SUMMER.

While other districts were experiencing a steady downpour, accompanied by a bitterly cold wind, Wicklow yesterday presented an almost summer-like appearance in the brilliant sunshine, and rhododendrons were to be seen blooming in the platform garden—an unusual sight at this time of year.

FREE NIGHT SHELTER, BACK LANE, DUBLIN.

The Committee of the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter for Catholic Men, Back lane, Dublin, report that the admissions to the institution during March numbered 3,046, and that 6,092 meals were given free.

POSITION OF IRISH CATTLE.

BRITISH DISEASES OF ANIMALS BILL.

In Standing Committee of the House of Commons, London, yesterday, Sir Robert Sanders presiding, the Diseases of Animals Bill was under consideration.

Mr. Noel Buxton, ex-Minister for Agriculture in the Labour Government, moved the following clause:—"Where the Minister, under the powers conferred upon him by the principal Act, causes any animal or animals to be slaughtered, the compensation awarded shall, where the slaughter results in depriving an agricultural worker of his employment, include compensation to such worker upon a scale, and subject to conditions, which would apply if the worker had been an insured person within the meaning of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1926, and qualified to receive unemployment benefit."

Mr. Guinness, Minister of Agriculture, said that if they were going to give compensation under present conditions, not only for cattle seized and slaughtered in the public interest, but for contingent losses, they would be opening a very wide door for a really very small purpose. He asked the committee to reject the clause.

The clause, however, was carried by 12 votes to 8, and was added to the bill.

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS.

Mr. Guinness moved the following clause:—"The limitation contained in Section 6 of the Importation of Animals Act, 1922, Section 2, which restricts the fees which may be charged in respect of the landing of imported animals in Great Britain to the sum of sixpence as respects any one animal, shall not apply in the case of any imported animal which, by virtue of an Order made by the Minister under the principal Act, is required to be detained and tested for disease under the supervision of a veterinary inspector appointed by the Minister or by a local authority under the principal Act; and, accordingly, the fees to be charged under the section in any such case shall be such as may, in the opinion of the Treasury, be sufficient to meet the expenses of the examination, including any such detention and testing as aforesaid."

Sir Malcolm McNaghten moved, as an amendment, that the fee of sixpence should continue to apply to store cattle. He said that there was a very strong case for exempting store cattle from Ireland from the proposed increase in fees. The Act of 1922, which admitted Canadian cattle (store) to England, was very detrimental to the Irish farming industry, North and South, and the proposal to increase the fees chargeable for inspection of Irish cattle on landing in Great Britain would be a further injury to the Irish farming community.

NOT DIRECTED AGAINST IRELAND.

Mr. Guinness said that at present they had only power to charge a fee of sixpence to cover the cost of testing. They wanted authority to increase the fees chargeable chiefly in connection with glanders in horses. A very satisfactory test had been discovered, and the object of the clause was to enable them to impose any necessary tests, and make any necessary charges. This proposal was not directed against Ireland, or any area, but it enabled the Government to take all necessary steps to protect the British imports and the British consumer against animal diseases.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Buxton moved the deletion of Subsection 2 of Clause 1., which provided that certain Orders of the Minister for Agriculture, or of a local authority, shall be conclusive evidence of matters whereon the Orders proceeded.

Mr. Guinness said that it was very important that the administrative powers should be carried out efficiently.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The bill was reported to the House for third reading.

HOUSING THE WORKERS.

DUBLIN BUILDING SCHEMES.

The Dublin Commercial Public Utility Society, Ltd., the organisation formed among workers in the distributive trades for the purpose of building houses for its members, held its first annual meeting last night.

In the report covering the operations of the Society from August, 1925, to the end of December, 1926, the Management Committee set out that their first building scheme of sixteen houses on Malahide road, Clontarf, had been completed, and the dwellings were now occupied. They were proceeding with the erection of a further twelve houses on another site on the Malahide road, obtained from the City Commissioners. The building of those houses would provide work for a number of men over a period of some months.

The report continued: "The Committee record with pleasure the fact that the Secretary received at the hands of every official in the Municipal and Government Departments with which the Society had to transact business the most painstaking attention and assistance in carrying out the first undertaking of providing sixteen houses for the members."

PRAISE FOR OFFICIALS.

Mr. William J. Byrne, the Secretary, stated that many people had an idea that officials in Municipal and Government Departments lived with the idea that their only business was to draw fat salaries. He had found every official, whether in the City Commissioners' offices or in the Government Departments, not only efficient and courteous, but anxious to go out of their way to help the Society in its work.

It was a great pity that the facilities under the Housing Acts of 1925 and 1926 are not so accessible in the suburban townships as they are in the area in the administration of the Commissioners. Pembroke had a good scheme for providing houses, but very little had been done in Rathmines or in Howth. A society like theirs, Mr. Byrne added, would prefer to build in the districts outside the city if they could get the same facilities as in Dublin. The difficulty of the suburban local authorities was want of funds to ensure a uniform means of availing of the facilities offered by the Housing Acts.

The report of the committee's work was considered satisfactory by the meeting.

"HENRY VIII."

DRAMATIC READING BY DUBLIN SOCIETY.

A dramatic reading of "Henry VIII." was given by members of the British Empire Shakespearean Society (Dublin Branch) in the Dawson Hall, 41 Dawson street, Dublin, last night.

Members of the cast whose readings impressed most were Cecil Darley as the Duke of Buckingham, Godith Huggard as Queen Katherine, Frank Fay, as Cardinal Wolsey, and Mrs. Bernard Shillman as Anne Bullen. Others in the cast were:—H. O. Tisdall (Duke of Norfolk), Eric May (Brandon), W. Sherwood (Henry VIII.), George Simpson (Lord Chamberlain), John Leet (Duke of Suffolk), W. J. Killeen (Cardinal Campeius), Mrs. May Carey (Patience), W. H. Orpen (Cromwell), and Victor Harris (Griffith).

ATTEMPT TO FIRE A HOUSE.

CHARGE AGAINST WATERFORD MAN.

At a Special Court in Waterford yesterday, before Mr. P. J. Murray, Harry M'Carthy, a violinist in the city, was charged with attempting to set fire to his mother's dwelling-house and premises, 117 The Quay, Waterford.

Sergeant Lynch, who prosecuted, said that at about twenty minutes past ten on Wednesday night he heard someone shouting in the top of the house, "If you come near that door I will cut your throat." He also heard a scream and a shout for help. When he entered and went upstairs he saw the accused standing in a room and his mother, Mrs. Ellen M'Carthy, was holding him by the coat. The witness found the floors of the kitchen and bedroom saturated with petrol. There was also broken china scattered over the floors. When charged and cautioned the accused said, "I do not know what happened; I was unconscious of what I was doing. It might have been an act of bravado."

The accused was remanded to the District Court.

At Bennettsbridge pig market on last Wednesday 85s. per cwt. was paid for fat pigs.

KILKENNY SHOW AND SALE.

GOOD DISPLAY OF DAIRY BULLS.

PREMIUMS AND PRICES.

FROM OUR AGRICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT.

KILKENNY, Thursday.

Seven dairy bulls, three shorthorns and one Hereford were awarded premiums at the eleventh annual show and sale held by the Kilkenny Agricultural Society at St. James's Park, Kilkenny, to-day. Nine Aberdeen Angus bulls were entered, but none was considered worthy of a premium; yet two were sold at 59 and 60 guineas respectively. The first prize Hereford, an April calf, realised 66 guineas.

Dairy bulls made not only the largest display, but were easily the best lot of animals in the show. For the most part they were uniform in type, and, in the opinion of some, better than those shown a year ago. Several, no doubt, were rather lacking in substance, but, on the whole, the section saved the event from mediocrity. There was a particularly keen demand for bulls with premiums, and the judges' decision was endorsed by the payment of 70 guineas—the top of the day—for Mr. Leahy's first prize winner. The other prize winners sold equally well. Shorthorns were rather disappointing, though the first and second prize takers changed hands at satisfactory prices. Non-pedigree bulls were numerous and animals of the right type were readily disposed of, but many remained unsold.

The average for shorthorns was 37 guineas, for dairy bulls 37½ guineas, and for Aberdeen Angus 45½ guineas.

Taken altogether, to-day's event pointed to the need for a change of attitude on the part of stockbreeders. The substantial prices paid for certain bulls proved that these sales can be placed on a sound foundation if exhibitors take care to send only the right animals forward. It is bad business to fill up a catalogue with entries of second-rate stock, that might with advantage be disposed of on the farm. It spoils the sale, and also the exhibitors' reputation.

At to-day's sales 105 entries were received from the Counties of Kildare, Carlow, Tipperary, Wexford and Kilkenny, and, despite the inclement weather, there was a good attendance. Mr. Charles E. McCreery was the auctioneer and secretary.

The judges were Messrs. D. Tierney and R. Lynch, of the Department of Agriculture, Dublin.

THE AWARDS.

Shorthorn bulls were a mixed lot, their quality being distinctly disappointing. The leader, however, was quite a useful sort—the roan, Bessborough Bandsman, by Loobagh Count 3rd, shown by the Earl of Bessborough. Another roan, Burrow Guy Mac, by Balcairn Lodestar, and the property of the representatives of Miss Staples, was second; while Mr. Thomas Bowe, Durrow, was third with the red and white, Durrow Bandmaster. Mr. H. J. Toler Aylward, Whitehall, was reserve with Shankill Emperor; and the representatives of Miss Staples h.c. with Durrow Fusilier.

Dairy bulls made quite a large display, and in point of merit showed considerable uniformity. In the selection for honours, roans got the preference. Ultimately first prize went to Mr. M. Leahy, Deerpark House, for Deerpark Leader, the son of a heavy milking cow, by Luxury Plant. Mr. W. J. Walker, Killinick, Co. Wexford, was second with Guardsman, roan yearling by Albert Sage, and out of a 907-gallon cow. Mr. M. Sheehy, Graiguenamanagh, was third with Pat Prince, a red and white, by Prince Lind, and out of a 787-gallon cow. Mr. S. J. Comerford, Woodsgift, Co. Kilkenny, was reserve with King of Clubs, and Mr. Thomas Brennan, Freshford, h.c. for Ballein Chief.

In an extremely poor class for Aberdeen-Angus bulls, Mr. Thomas Tobin, Tullogher, New Ross, was first with Postman of Brownstown, by Baltic of Milford. Mr. John B. Pentlington, Portarlington, was second with Minton of Kilmullen, by Purdon of Moyness; while the Castlecomer Estate Co. was third with Freeman of Durrow, by Freeman of Willowbrook. Mr. M. Tobin, Kilmanagh, was reserve with Ballykisteen 5th.

In the Hereford bull class, Mr. John Brennan, Freshford, was first with the April calf, Bandmaster. Mrs. M. Meyler, Freshford, was reserve with Gold-smith, and Mr. C. S. Purdon h.c. with Garrymede.

For yearling heifers out of registered dairy cows, Mr. John Dunne, Cuffesgrange, was first with Dainty, out of an 890-gallon cow. Mr. M. Leahy was second with Deerpark Dew Dron, and Mr. John Dunne third with Grange Baroness.

In the two-year-old class, Mr. John Dunne was first with Dora and second with Merry Maid; while Mr. M. Leahy was third with Deerpark Countess, and reserve with Deerpark Pearl.

THE SALES.

The principal sales were:—

SHORTHORN BULLS.

	Gns.
Earl of Bessborough's Bessborough Bandsman (1st) (C. J. Kelly, Co. Carlow)	52
Representatives of Miss Staples' Durrow Guy Mac (2nd) (John Moran, Athy)	61
Representatives of Miss Staples' Durrow Fusilier (h.c.) (T. Holmes, Tullow)	28
H. J. Toler Aylward's Shankill Emperor (r.) (T. H. Bennett, Kilmanagh)	42
William M'Williams' Clonrobert Indian (M. Mansfield, Castlecomer)	25
Viscount de Vesci's Leix Viceroy (Philip Stone, Castlecomer)	28
Representatives of Miss Staples' Durrow Guy Man (John O'Neill, Callan)	21
Earl of Bessborough's Bessborough Chief 3rd (George Calabeck, Kilmanagh)	29

DAIRY HERD BULLS.

The Right Rev. P. J. McGrath's Rosaveen Duke (C. B. Ovington, Coolcullen)	25
James Robinson's Billy (John Brennan, Cuffesgrange)	27
W. J. Walker's Guardsman (2nd) (John Carroll, Brosna)	65
Thomas Brennan's Balleen Chief (h.c.) (C. Miller, Viceroystown, Straidbally)	61
William Duggan's Royal Prince (C. W. Taylor, Athy)	55
M. Leahy's Deerpark Leader (1st) (P. Murphy, Ballyragget)	70
S. J. Comerford's King of Clubs (r.) (J. O'Keeffe, Knocktopher)	53
M. Sheehy's Irish Prince (3rd) (John Flynn, Pilltowtown, Offaly)	55
L. Coogan's Gwynne's Hero (P. Kelly, Dunmore)	26½
John Dunne's Dandy (John Maher, Shelmaliertha)	24
Earl of Bessborough's Bessborough Count (S. Pim, Mountmellick)	40
John Fanning's Fotus (W. Proctor, Urlingford)	25
Clongowes Wood College's Hero (T. Comerford, Coolgraney)	24
William Duggan's Red Prince (P. Hayden, Graigue)	25
Clongowes Wood College's Prince (J. Fingleton, Straidbally)	27
ABERDEEN-ANGUS BULLS.	
Thomas Tobin's Postman of Brownstown (1st) (M. J. Fitzgerald, Ballinfoggert)	50
The Castlecomer Estate Co.'s Freeman of Durrow (3rd) (St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny)	43
J. B. Tedcastle's Minton of Kilmullen (2nd) (Patrick Bolger)	59
George Bradshaw's Ernest of Killaghy (John Dowling, Cara)	21
HEREFORD BULLS.	
John Brennan's Bandsmaster (1st) (Joseph Gleeson, Tullahiore)	66
C. S. Purdon's Garrymede (h.c.) (William Phelan, Waterford)	54
NON-PEDIGREE BULLS.	
A. J. Wladon's Lacken Boy (Michael Kinsella, [illegible])	29
Thomas Brennan's Balleen Boy (Mrs. Cahill, Freshford)	25
John Dunne's Duke (W. Dolegan)	24
L. Coogan's Ratheely Lad (E. Muldowney, Bennett's Bridge)	24
William M'Grath's The Village Sub (J. [illegible])	25
S. Nolan's Emperor 1st (J. Branigan, Vicars.	26
The Right Rev. J. M'Grath's Rosaveen Dairy Chief (J. Blackmore, Brownstown)	22½
The Right Rev. J. M'Grath's Rosaveen Dairy Prince (C. M. O'Keeffe, Castleheld)	38
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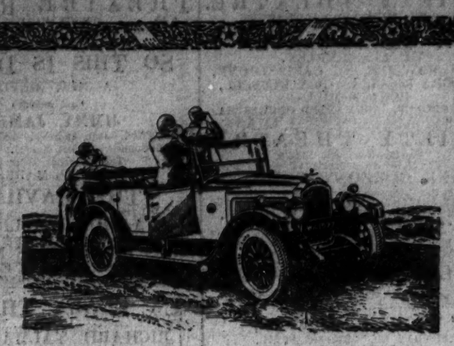
At Lurgan Quarter Sessions yesterday, Judge Green gave a decree for the amount claimed in an action in which Samuel Warnock, contractor, Ballymacash, near Lurgan, sued Edward Abraham, Ballymacash, and Alexander Murphy, Derryadd, for £25, balance due on foot of a contract to execute certain repairs to Derryadd Orange Hall, and he also allowed £8 9s. 6d. on a counter claim.



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NORTHERN IRELAND.

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
NOTICE.

An Examination for situations of MALE CLERK in Departments of the Civil Service of Northern Ireland will be held in BELFAST, commencing on Tuesday, the 5th July, 1927. The Entrance Fee for the Examination will be £1 (One Pound).

Only natural-born British subjects, who are the sons of fathers also natural-born British subjects, are eligible to compete, and candidates must not be under 17 years of age on the 30th September, 1927, nor have attained the age of 19 on or before that date.

No person will be admitted to the Examination from whom the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, has not received on or before the 14th June, 1927, an application on the prescribed form bearing a stamp or stamps to the value of the prescribed fee. A form of application, together with particulars of the appointments, copies of the Regulations, of the Syllabus of the Examination, and of a memorandum regarding Medical Examination for Civil Service appointments can be obtained on application either personally or in writing to the Secretary, Civil Service Commission for Northern Ireland (Room 24), 15 Donegall square West, Belfast, ON OR AFTER THE 15th APRIL, 1927.

The candidates who are adjudged to have qualified in the Examination will be required to attend, at their own expense, for a personal interview before a Selection Board. The Selection Board will recommend for appointment to the vacancies to be filled such of the candidates as are considered most suitable. BUT THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION WILL NOT, IN ITSELF CONFER ANY TITLE TO AN APPOINTMENT.

Civil Service Commission for Northern Ireland, 15 Donegall square West, Belfast.
31st March, 1927.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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Entrance Forms must be lodged with the Registrar on or before the 13th of May next.

Entrance Forms and full particulars may be had on application to
ARTHUR L. B. MOORE, Registrar.
40 Harcourt street, Dublin.

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Singing from 7.30 p.m. United Choir.
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REGISTRATION of Clubs (Ireland) Act, 1904, and Intoxicating Liquor (General) Act, 1924. Take Notice that it is my intention to Apply to Registrar of Clubs at Swords for a Renewal of Licence for Portmarnock Golf Club, County Dublin, 31st March, 1927. G. T. POWER, Secretary.

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First Race—3 o'clock. Last Race—5.30.
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Special train leaves Broadstone at 2.15. Return Fares—1/- third class; 2/- first class.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

WESLEY COLLEGE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

The Opening Services in connection with the above will be held TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AND SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd and 3rd.

On To-Morrow (Saturday) the door of the Chapel will be unlocked at 5.15 o'clock by the Reverend W. T. A. Barber, M.A., D.D., ex-President of the British Conference.

The President and the Secretary of the Irish Conference and other Ministers will take part in the Service, which, after the opening, will be conducted in the Centenary Church.

On Sunday, at 4 o'clock, Service will be conducted in the Chapel by Dr. Barber.

This will be attended by the Board of Governors, College Boarders, and Wesley ex-Service Men.

WESLEY COLLEGE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.
In connection with the Service to be held in the above ON SUNDAY at 4 o'clock, we appeal to all Wesley ex-Service Men who can find it possible to attend to do so.
Decorations to be worn.
W. P. HINTON, Captain, late 18th Royal Irish.
G. T. HAMLET, Captain, late R.D. Fusiliers.

IRISH MARCONI SHAREHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Committee advise ALL SHAREHOLDERS to forward immediately their Marconi Proxy Forms properly signed, dated, and witnessed to Marconi House, Strand, London.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Sportsmen anxious to join the recently established Clay Target Shooting Club for the Metropolitan Area should communicate at once with the
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COUNTY OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN.
REVISION OF THE LISTS OF JURORS, 1927.

The Court for the Revision of the Lists of Jurors for the several Wards of the County of the City of Dublin will be OPENED by me at the GRAND JURY ROOM, COURT HOUSE, GREEN STREET, DUBLIN, on MONDAY, 11th APRIL, 1927, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and will be continued from day to day until completed.

The Town Clerk and the several Tax Collectors, and all other persons who have assisted or taken part in preparing any of the said Lists, are, and each of them is, hereby required to attend at such Court.

The Lists of Jurors for the County of the City of Dublin for revision will be found for inspection at the TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, DUBLIN, and ALSO AT MY OFFICE, AT THE SAID COURT HOUSE, and will continue open for inspection up to the said 11th April, 1927. Any person whose name is set forth on such Lists of Jurors, and who desires to have his or her name removed from such Lists, must attend at the Court above-named and give evidence as to the grounds on which he or she claims to have his or her name so removed.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1927.
SEAMUS Ó CONCUBAIR
Registration Officer, County Registrar, Dublin.
Court House, Green street, Dublin.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF AUDIT.
DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Prionnsias MacBearnaird, Local Government Auditor, has audited the Accounts of the Dublin Port and Docks Board for the period ended 31st day of December, 1925, and has reported to the Local Government Department thereon.

A copy of the Auditor's Report and the abstract therein referred to can be obtained at this Office during office hours by any person applying for same and paying to the Board therefor the sum of sixpence.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1927.
E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office,
20 Westmoreland street, Dublin.

BANK OF IRELAND, DUBLIN.
31st March, 1927.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland give Notice:—

That a GENERAL COURT WILL BE HELD AT THE BANK on MONDAY, 4th proximo, from 11 o'clock in the forenoon until 1 p.m. in the afternoon, for the ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR for the year ensuing (which will be declared that evening); and the same Court will be continued by adjournment and held at the same place and during the same hours on WEDNESDAY, 6th PROXIMO, for the ELECTION OF THIRTEEN DIRECTORS, which Election will be declared as soon as the scrutiny is over.

A. D. STEWART, Secretary.

N.B.—Printed Lists of Proprietors of Bank Stock, £3,000 (late currency) and upwards, together with the mode of Election as directed by the Bye-laws, may be obtained at the Bank on Friday, the 1st proximo, and subsequent days preceding those of Election.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION FOR IRELAND.
(Incorporated 6th July, 1893.)

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the above Institution will be held at the Office, 13 South Frederick street, Dublin, on Tuesday, 12th April, 1927, at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

BY ORDER.

WIRELESS SKETCHES for amateur constructors. See the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES" to-day. Price Twopence, at all newsagents.

"THESE THINGS"—The opening chapters of this romantic story of life in Dublin begins to-day in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES." On Sale at all newsagents. Price Twopence.

CHARACTER accurately delineated from hand-writing by an expert in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES." See to-day's issue.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1927.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Free State Revenue figures for the year ending March 31st, 1927, were issued last night.—(Pages 4 and 7.)

The Revenue returns for Northern Ireland, issued last night, show that its contribution towards the cost of the Imperial Services is £1,217,000, less than half that of 1925-6.—(Pages 4 and 7.)

The Minister for Industry and Commerce in the Dail yesterday said that by 1932 the Electricity Control Board would be able to pay the sinking fund charges and working expenses out of revenue from the Shannon scheme.—(Page 7.)

On the motion for the adjournment of the Dail last night attention was called to the fact that four members of a family named Sullivan have died from starvation in the Adrigole district of West Cork.—(Page 5.)

At the show and sale of cattle by the Kilkenny Agricultural Society yesterday dairy bulls made not only the largest display, but were the best collection of animals in the grounds.—(Page 5.)

The Friends of the National Collections, at their meeting in Dublin yesterday, passed an important series of resolutions on the subject of the Lane pictures and the housing of the municipal collection.—(Page 4.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British returns for the financial year ending yesterday show a deficit of £36,500,000.—(Pages 4 and 7.)

Damage estimated at thousands of pounds was caused by a fire which broke out at Woolwich Arsenal last night.—(Page 7.)

The report of a British delegation which has been studying industrial conditions in Canada and the United States says that the adaptability shown by all engaged in industry to promote efficiency and productivity and to eliminate waste is particularly noticeable in both countries.—(Page 7.)

On the Civil Service estimates last night the House of Commons discussed the influence of telephones on rural life, and the Postmaster-General defended his department's policy, urging that in various rural districts the telephone had been an unremunerative service.—(Page 8.)

ABROAD.

A telegram from Cairo announces the discovery of the unique fifty-century-old tomb of the Third Dynasty.—(Page 8.)

The anti-American feeling in China is growing, and the American flag was torn down in Nanking.—(Page 8.)

One of the biggest combined strikes ever known in the United States started at midnight, when 200,000 coal miners struck work.—(Page 8.)

SPORTING

At Downpatrick yesterday Kilmakee won the Ulster Plate, Oliver's Mint the Lecale Plate, Boinne the Iveagh Plate, Monaco the Co. Down Hunts' Cup, and Ballyfinaghy walked over for the Ballydugan Plate.—(Page 10.)

At Leicester Rhyolite won the Leicestershire Handicap.—(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were quiet and business was small, but there were several bright spots.—(Page 11.)

There was extreme pressure for loans in Lombard street over the night, and the rate ranged from 4½ up to 5½ per cent., and for seven days 4½ per cent. to 4¾ per cent. Discount rates were unchanged.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin the market was generally weaker, and a long list of falls was recorded.—(Page 11.)

The Year's Finance.

The Free State Exchequer statement for the year 1926-1927 was issued last night. Total receipts stand at £28,672,376, an increase on the previous year's figure of £2,113,780, while total issues amount to £28,341,037, representing an increase of £334,499. During the twelve months bills were issued to the value of £2,500,000, of which no less than £1,200,000 were issued within the last few days, thus accounting largely for the comfortable proportion of "total receipts." Actual revenue comes to £25,060,378, or £378,718 less than that of last year, while expenditure reaches £27,075,137, an increase of £854,499 on 1925-1926. On the revenue and expenditure account, therefore, there is a gross drop of £1,233,217 as compared with the previous year's figures; and the net excess of expenditure over revenue is more than £2,000,000. It is not easy to find out precisely where the Free State Government stands. In his last Budget speech Mr. Blythe announced that expenditure had been over-estimated by about £650,000, and predicted that he would have a surplus at the end of the year of some £164,000. He declared that the greater part of the £4,429,770 required for capital and abnormal expenditure would need to be obtained from the banks or the public during the year; and he seems to have raised £3,579,000 in this way. Apparently, however, there was some very serious over-estimation in the last Budget. The original estimate for expenditure was £31,378,233, which is more than £3,000,000 in excess of the actual issues for the year. It is true that Mr. Blythe's "revised estimates" came closer to the mark; but he obviously was working on a faulty brief.

The detailed figures for revenue and expenditure are interesting. On the revenue side of the account only two main items show improvements. Excise has increased by £366,000 and motor vehicle duties show a rise of £95,000. Despite the Government's policy of "selective protection," however, Customs receipts have fallen. On the expenditure side the increase of £854,499 is more than covered by the sums of £500,000 for the purchase of creameries, £450,000 for local loans, £181,502 for the beet sugar subsidy and £50,000 for the purchase of shares in the Industrial Trust. On the other hand, the cost of the Free State Army has been reduced by £243,661, and there has been a number of minor economies, which, although in themselves small, are very welcome to the taxpayer. Apart from the errors of the estimating department at the beginning of the year, the national balance sheet is as satisfactory as, in the circumstances, it could have been expected to be. The estimates for the coming year, however, will provoke some lively criticism. Mr. Blythe estimates for a tax revenue of £20,765,000 and a non-tax revenue of £3,685,000, as against last year's realised aggregate of £25,060,378. There is an estimated reduction here of more than £500,000; but a provision for additional borrowing brings the total estimate for expenditure to the rather alarming sum of £32,068,000. All these figures, of course, are based on the rates of taxation in force at present. They provide for an expenditure on the Central Fund and Supply Services of £27,274,000, as against last year's actual expenditure of £27,075,137.

These estimates hold out little, if any, hope to the harassed taxpayer, who, it seems, must face another year of financial stringency. He will have the melancholy satisfaction of knowing that the British taxpayer is in even worse case; for the British Treasury returns for the year reveal a deficit of no less than £36,563,749. England and Ireland alike, of course, are suffering from the evil effects of the coal stoppage, and Mr. Blythe will have almost as difficult a task as Mr. Winston Churchill when he opens his Budget next month. We are convinced that a reduction in taxes is essential to the future prosperity of the Free State. The present process of meeting the tax-collector's demands out of capital cannot continue without ultimate disaster, and we would urge Mr. Blythe to give this fact the gravest consideration before he completes his plans for the coming year. We already have suggested certain measures of relief which would be universally welcome. The corporation profits duty ought to be abolished; there ought to be a revision of income tax allowances in the taxpayer's favour, and at least some of the import duties on articles which are necessaries of life ought to be either withdrawn or reduced. The estimated expenditure of £27,274,000 on Central Fund and Supply services is far too high. This little country cannot afford to give £23,502,631 to its spending departments, and until there has been a drastic reform in this respect it never can hope to progress at a proper rate. A start must be made some time. To allow the present condition of affairs to become stereotyped would be fatal, inasmuch as it would encourage an extravagant mentality among the people. The Free State must be compelled to live within its means, which at the moment are not extensive.

Italy in Africa.

The building up of an Italian empire in Northern Africa is big with history. It may prove the peaceful outlet for the abounding energy of newly-united Italy, or it may lead to disputes concerning boundaries or concerning naval power in the Mediterranean that will issue in new wars. The Rome Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, who has visited Libya by invitation of the Italian Government, tells with what enthusiasm the young blood of Italy has invaded the territories wrung recently from the Turk. "The very odour of exuberant and impatient youth seems to invade your nostrils as you sail into Tripoli harbour." Tripoli is planned to be one of the grandest cities of the Mediterranean coasts. Here is a great new post office, here a half-finished cathedral, here the incomplete palace of the Governor—a structure in modern Moslem style. Narrow streets are being swept away to make place for a system of boulevards; the sites of a State Theatre and an Imperial Museum have been chosen. Since 1920 the reconquest of Libya has proceeded apace, and General Graziani, Fascist proconsul, who wrung acre by acre from the tribesmen, declares that only 1,000 rifles are at large in the sandy southern wastes. Proud memories of Rome's ancient dominion fortify the Italian soldier. South of Tripoli relics of the Roman past repeatedly are uncovered by the returning legions. Here an inscription of Septimius Severus is graven on a rockside. On a neighbouring hill a track is visible—the Roman consular road to Mizdah. General Graziani tells how he conquered at great cost a certain hill and found amid the rocks of the summit a golden object. Stooping there on the battlefield he picked up a coin which bore on one side the effigy of an emperor and on the other the emblem of the goddess Rome. At that moment came news of the triumphant Fascist march on Rome, and the general sent the symbolic coin to Signor Mussolini. Farther inland the traveller finds, brought within the Italian outposts, and perched upon a peak, a basilica, bearing in its three splendid aisles and apse work of every century from the third to that tragic ninth when the Crescent drove the Cross from the old Roman domains. Is the reconquest of Libya only a spectacular adventure inspired by the magic of the past? Some Italians hold that the country has no economic future. Others dream of a vast, thriving colony, reaching out by a Tripoli-Lake Chad railway to the wealth of the Niger and the Congo. Moderate opinion, represented by the present Minister of the Colonies, hopes to settle 300,000 Italians on Libyan soil in twenty-five years, and to that end practical measures of afforestation for the purpose of arresting the sand dunes are in progress. Meanwhile, Italy's overflowing population increases at the rate of more than 300,000 a year.

Tara from the Air.

"What the Acropolis is to Greece, Tara is to Ireland," remarks a writer in *Irish Travel*, who tells holiday makers of the strange relics and associations which ought to attract them to that ancient site. Here are the grass-grown foundations of the great hostel, twice the length of St. Patrick's Cathedral; the Rath of the Synods, a ceremonial site once pagan and later Christian; and graves which are traditionally those of that Gráinne who fled with Diarmuid, and of Nessa, mother of King Conchobar. Here, too, is the stream which propelled the mill—the first ever used in Ireland—which King Cormac caused to be constructed in order to relieve the captive Pictish maiden of her painful toil at the quern. In the latest issue of the *County Louth Archæological Journal* Tara is depicted in a new fashion. An aerial photograph, taken by the Free State Army Air Corps, is reproduced, and the true lineaments of *Rath-na-Rioghe*, the citadel of Tara, are revealed. The great oval earthwork which embraces the ancient citadel can be discerned but vaguely by the visitor to the hill who clambers through the long grasses; but it is marked as clearly in the aerial photograph as the still massive ramparts of the old forum and Cormac's House. To the west of the House of Hostages the grassy surface of the citadel is scarred with the traces of ploughing. Another mound, the existence of which was noted by older antiquaries, was levelled by the plough; but the camera, excelling the penetration of the human eye, perceives and records traces of the original foundation. The Ministry for Defence would earn the gratitude of the public if a comprehensive series of aerial photographs of Tara and similar sites were published; for thus many precious memories that have been given up for lost might be recovered.

The Borrowed Days.

Yesterday, the last day of March, was cold and wretched. Wet winds from the north-east drenched the streets and drove workers from the fields. The Spring still delays. We enter now upon the three "borrowed days" of the story. The old cow had struggled safely through thirty-one days of misery. March borrowed three days from April to afflict her further, and the cutting tempest of those days stripped her of her hide. The old-time, proverbial weather lore was a remarkably sure guide; but now the meteorological offices, with their "wireless" advices, have rendered the old saws obsolete, even as the chemists have abolished the use of antique simples. A writer in *The Nineteenth Century and After* remarks that it is curious that only in the middle of the nineteenth century, when steam was about to make ocean navigation independent of the winds, did maritime nations realise the advantages of scientific investigation of weather problems. Largely through the efforts of a lieutenant in the United States Navy, an international conference met in Brussels in 1853 for the purpose of organising the study of marine meteorology. The British Government was represented at the conference, and in the following year caused the Board of Trade to establish a meteorological office. At the same time a daily service of telegraphic weather reports was established between a series of Continental stations and Paris. Only in the new century was the principle of cyclones understood, and then fairly sure forecasts became feasible. The Great War precipitated discoveries in the science of the weather as in many other sciences; and now weather forecasts are "broadcasted" several times daily, to the great satisfaction of farmers and others whose operations are affected by the climate.

OBITUARY.

MR. EDWARD LLOYD.

The death of Mr. Edward Lloyd, in his eighty-third year, at Worthing, yesterday, recalls the days when giants like himself and the late Sir Charles Santley sang in oratorio and concert. A finished musician, Edward Lloyd possessed a perfect tenor voice of singularly bright and pleasant quality, and he used it with consummate art.

Good singing and the reverent interpretation of great music were hereditary with him—his father was Mr. Richard Lloyd, a vicar choralist of Westminster Abbey, and he himself when barely seven years old became an Abbey chorister. In that great school the sure foundation of his future skill was laid, and there, too, amid fit surroundings, his aesthetic taste was nurtured and enriched.

His period as chorister in the Abbey ranged from 1852 to 1860. Then, whose mutations touch all things, wrought magic in the young Lloyd's throat. His boyish voice gave place to the most glorious English tenor of his day. Within a few years he was solo singer in the Chapel Royal, of St. James's, and by 1867 he was singing in Novello's concerts.

It was not till 1871, however, that he took his place in oratorio—a place that was to be unchallenged, until Edward Lloyd, still in the plentitude of vocal and artistic power, retired from oratorio and concert work. It was at the Gloucester Festival that Lloyd's singing in Bach's "Passion" came with the freshness of a revelation. Thenceforth no English festival, no concert of the first rank was complete without him. Lloyd as an oratorio tenor had no equal. He proved his grandeur at the Handel festivals on numerous occasions at the Crystal Palace, and in every place where lofty art and perfect voice were honoured. His fame spread to the United States of America, and there his several visits kindled admiration to a flame.

The news that Lloyd, still at the pinnacle of popularity, had decided to retire came as a shock to his admirers. The act, however, was the man. Lloyd was too sincere an artist to give the public any work that might suggest a semblance of decay, and so he passed into an honoured quietude. His last public singing was in the temple of his earliest song—the Abbey, where he took part in the Coronation Service of King George. Since then he has been silent, for, "when a man has attained worthy ends, the sweetest canticle is *nunc dimittis*."

QUESTIONS IN DAIL.

INQUIRY INTO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

In Dail Eireann yesterday, Mr. T. Nagle (Labour) asked for information in connection with the proposed Inter-Departmental Committee on Traffic.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice, said that as soon as the arrangements for setting up the committee were completed he would inform the deputy.

CONTAGIOUS ABORTION.

Replying to Mr. Roddy, the Minister for Lands and Agriculture said that, while the Department was aware that serious losses arose in many districts from contagious abortion, no statistics were available which would show the annual loss sustained by farmers or the number of cows that aborted during 1925 and 1926. The Department had taken all possible steps during many years past to deal with this matter, including the issue of a detailed leaflet which instructed farmers as to the action to be taken when the disease appears amongst their herds. The Department had also carried on research work in connection with this disease at their Veterinary Research Laboratory, and the research work was proceeding. In addition, the Department issued, in May, 1925, an Epizootic Abortion Order, prohibiting various actions by owners of animals which have calved prematurely.

Contagious abortion was not a notifiable disease in the same way as foot-and-mouth and other "scheduled diseases." The Department would continue to give the most careful attention to this question, and would take such further action as might appear called for.

STREET TRADING.

Mr. Nagle asked the Minister for Local Government to state the number of prosecutions under the Street Trading Act, 1926, in Dublin, and whether he was prepared to exercise his powers under Section 6 of that Act and order an inquiry for the purpose of making by-laws by the Dublin Corporation.

The Minister, Mr. Seumas Burke, said that the first part of the question was in the negative, and the second had been answered in reply to a similar question by the deputy on the 16th inst. He had no power to order such an inquiry but he would take the matter up with the Commissioners.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

THE WESLEY COLLEGE MEMORIAL.

The opening Services in connection with the Wesley College Memorial Chapel, Dublin, are to be held to-morrow and Sunday.

The building has been erected in affectionate remembrance of the eighty-four old boys who fell in the Great War and in honour of the six hundred who joined up.

Provision has been made for a large attendance to-morrow, and at the Sunday Service seats are reserved for the Wesley ex-Service men. Particulars appear in our advertising columns.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Queen was received by Lady Violet Astor (Chairman), the Earl of Antrim and Miss Johnstone (lady superintendent) and the members of the board of management when she visited Ingram House, the hostel for women workers which has been established at Stockwell. After a lengthy inspection of the hostel, which accommodates two hundred women workers, Her Majesty took tea with the members of the board before returning to Buckingham Palace.

Yesterday afternoon the Prince of Wales presided at a largely attended meeting in the London Mansion House in connection with the important work carried on by the Mental After-Care Association. To-day His Royal Highness will visit Woolwich, and will inspect the exhibition organised by the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society in the Commonwealth Buildings. At the Atherstone Hunt Point-to-Point Races on Saturday, April 9th, the Prince will ride one of his horses in the open nomination race.

Princess Mary, Viscount Lascelles, the Earl of Lonsdale, Lord and Lady Hillingdon, Sir Samuel and Lady Sophie Scott, Sir Raymond Greene and Mrs. Clayton will be included in the house party Sir William and Lady Noreen Bass will entertain next week at Byrkley Lodge, Burton-on-Trent, for the Derby Spring race meeting.

Her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn, who was accompanied by her house party, was present at the Down Hunt Steeplechases held at Downpatrick Racecourse yesterday.

The Marchioness of Londonderry has arrived at Mountstewart, Newtownards, from London. Lord Clonmore has returned from England, and has joined the Earl of Wicklow at Shelton Abbey. Colonel and Lady Aline Vivian will return to their London residence shortly from the South of France. Captain the Hon. Michael and Lady Doreen Knatchbull are expected to return from the United States about Easter.

Among the dances arranged to take place during the London season are several by Irish hostesses. Lady Ardee and Lady Farquhar will entertain on Monday, May 16th, for their daughters, the Hon. Maureen Brabazon and Miss Edith Farquhar. On June 23rd the Countess of Antrim and Lady Sybil Smith will give a dance at Roehampton for their daughters, Lady Rose McDonnell and Miss Honor Smith. The Hon. Mrs. Ernest Guinness will give a ball at 17 Grosvenor place on Wednesday, June 22nd. The Marchioness of Bute will entertain for Lady Jean Crichton-Stuart early in July.

A party of fourteen members of the English Folk Dance Society have accepted the invitation to take part in the Basque Dance Festival, at Bayonne, the last week in April, when they will be the guests of the municipality. Dancers from four Basque Provinces will compete at the festival, which will open with a gala ball in aid of the Musée Basque.

Among the latest arrivals at Mentone are the Countess of Lescester, Sir Ralph and Lady Gore, Brigadier-General Brake, D.S.O.; Lady Harington, Sir Thomas and Lady Jones, Sir John Pilter, Sir John and Lady Randles and Colonel E. Watt.

The marriage arranged between Henry Gordon Mather, son of the late R. H. Mather and Mrs. Mather, of 5 Sandycove avenue, West, and Doreen, only child of the late Harold Ringwood Mayne and Mrs. Mayne, of 4 Castle Park road, Sandycove, will take place very quietly after Easter.

Dr. F. X. Callaghan has left 13 Merrion square until April 11th.

Dr. D. O'Donoghue has left 67 Fitzwilliam square for some months.

Mr. Hamilton B. Goulding has changed his address to 15 Fitzwilliam place.

Mr. Donogh O'Brien, L.D.S., has changed his residence from 3 Percy place to 22 Merrion Square, N.

All the smart Gowns recently selected in Paris have now been delivered at Switzers, 88 Grafton street—many being suitable for the racing season and for country wear.

All that is new in Spring's own colours have arrived. New Models and all the Season's Fashion Successes.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 Sth. Gt. George's st.

Model Suits for Town and Country wear, introducing the new Lizard, Snake and Calf Skin vest and trimmings, 58s. 6d. to 98s. 6d. Our Guinea Suits in fine Suiting Tweeds, coat lined, well-cut skirt; newest soft shades, Heathers, Chocolate, Beige and Lovats.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Clerys Ladies' Hairdressing Salon, on Grand Gallery, under the direction of Monsieur Felix (late of Messrs. Prost's), an expert in Tinting and all classes of Ladies' work. Consultations free.

The secret of the becoming hat is fully understood at Madame Renée's, where ladies can have the new felt shapes specially modelled to suit their own particular type and colouring.—51a Dawson street.

As booking is rather heavy, will our regular clients please book now for week before Easter to avoid disappointments?—Maison Marcel, Ltd., 2 Dawson street. Grand Prix de Paris. The Permanent Waving Experts. Setting a speciality.

New Model Gowns, Costumes, Millinery, etc., at La Maison Parisienne, 50 Grafton st.

Spring Styles at Slyne's, Ltd. Suits from 6½ gns. Coats from 5½ gns.—Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton street, Dublin.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Mrs. J. E. Atkins, Dr. V. G. Vaughan, Miss N. A. O'Shea, R. J. Hope, R. R. Perry, M. Sheridan, Surgeon-Lieut. J. B. Horan, R.N.; H. Hutchinson, E. F. A. Preston Ball, Mrs. and Miss M. Dobbs, H. J. F. Fry, A. P. Brooks.

Departures:—Mrs. J. W. Considine, J. T. Hamerton, the Rev. A. S. Rice, P. R. Jekyll, Captain J. V. McNally, Dr. and Mrs. MacSweeny, J. J. Fitzgerald.

Special offer in New Silk and Dress Fabrics this week at McBirney's.

Bring your Boys to us for their Spring Clothing and Outfitting, where you can get an endless variety. Reliable goods and moderate prices. "Our Boys," 24 Wicklow st.

For the Easter Holidays—The latest novelty in a smart Waterproof Sports Suit, in all the newest shades, at Mansfield Sisters, 28 Wicklow street.

Spring Cleaning. Carpets Shaken and Cleaned in our own works.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

Special Show of Sports Suits and Cardigans This Day (Friday). Suits from 35/6; Jumpers and Cardigans from 12/11. See windows.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Mourning Orders executed on the shortest notice. Prices strictly moderate. 'Phone, 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Messrs. Stephens and Bourke, the progressive Bootmakers, request their patrons to use the 13 Kildare street entrance whilst 26

FREE STATE.

MR. BLYTHE'S BUDGET ESTIMATES.

£500,000 TO REPAY THE DAIL REPUBLICAN BONDS.

LAST YEAR'S REVENUE.

EXPENDITURE BELOW ESTIMATE: RECEIPTS £1,300,000 MORE.

WE publish to-day the complete accounts for the Free State financial year ending last night, together with the estimates for 1927-8, upon which Mr. Blythe will base his Budget speech later in the month.

The full official figures of receipts and expenditure for 1926-7 will be found on page 4.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

(By Our Financial Editor).

Total Receipts.		Total Issues.	
1926-7 ...	£28,672,376	1926-7 ...	£28,341,037
1925-6 ...	£26,558,596	1925-6 ...	£28,006,538
Inc. ...	£2,113,780	Inc. ...	£334,498
Total Revenue.		**Total Expenditure.**	
1926-7 ...	£25,060,378	1926-7 ...	£27,075,137
1925-6 ...	£25,439,096	1925-6 ...	£26,220,638
Dec. ...	£378,718	Inc. ...	£854,499

THE Free State Exchequer statement for the year ending March 31st, 1927, issued last night, shows a total revenue of £25,060,378, or £1,347,948 more than the estimate of tax and non-tax revenue (£23,712,430).

Expenditure, which is £854,499 more than in 1925-6, is £27,075,137, or £1,562,291 less than the estimate of £28,637,428.

Total receipts were £331,341 more than total issues, and the balance in the Exchequer is £564,591, as compared with £233,250 brought in on April 1st, 1926.

There were heavy movements in "Other Receipts" and "Other Issues" during the last four days. Free State bills to the amount of £1,200,000 were placed, bringing the total up to £2,500,000, all created during the present financial year. Additional debt was created under the Telegraph Acts of £80,000, increasing the total to £165,500. Savings Certificates produced £8,000, against £15,000 paid off. £30,000 Ways and Means advances were repaid.

EXPENDITURE.

Mr. Blythe stated in his Budget speech that £4,429,770 was non-recurrent expenditure and must be obtained from the banks or the public during the year. He has apparently met this deficiency to the extent of £3,579,000 by temporary borrowings.

THE REVENUE.

Only two departments of revenue show increases as compared with 1925-6. These are £366,000 in Excise and £95,000 in Motor Vehicle Duties. Receipts on account of Land Purchase and "Other Receipts" show an increase of £141,282. The actual receipts under these headings are £2,293,378 more than the Minister's estimates.

ESTIMATES AND RECEIPTS.

The following table shows the Budget estimate of revenue and the actual receipts and estimate of outgoings and actual expenditure:—

	Estimate for 1926-27.	Revenue for 1926-27.	+ More or - Less.
	£	£	£
Customs	6,851,000	6,836,000	- 15,000
Excise	6,362,000	6,702,000	+ 340,000
Motor Tax	500,000	612,000	+ 112,000
EstateDuty	900,000	952,000	+ 52,000
Stamps	500,000	456,000	- 44,000
Income Tax	5,150,000	5,063,000	- 87,000
Corp. Tax	315,000	400,000	+ 85,000
Excess Profits	Nil	56,000	+ 56,000
Post Office.	1,738,470	1,690,000	- 48,470
Miscellaneous	1,395,960	2,293,378	+ 897,418
Total...	23,712,430	25,060,378	+1,347,948
EXPENDITURE.			
Central Fund	3,069,519	3,183,192	+ 113,673
Supply Services	25,567,909	23,891,945	-1,675,964
Total expenditure	28,637,428	27,075,137	-1,562,291

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE.

Central Fund Services:—	1926-27. £	1925-26. £
Service of Debt	1,082,653	899,573
Road Fund	881,350	796,366
Local Taxation Grants	1,070,657	1,038,907
Judicial Salaries	39,757	38,835
Judicial Pensions	38,166	41,515
Other Salaries and Pensions	13,889	13,889
Expenses of Returning Officers in connection with Oireachtas Elections	6,710	44,969
Purchase of Shares in Industrial Trust Co. of Ireland	50,000	—
Total	£3,183,192	£2,874,054
Supply Services:—		
Army	2,351,975	2,595,636
Army Pensions	185,865	148,638
Property Losses Compensation	1,705,955	1,639,679
Department of Education	162,634	170,982
Primary Education	3,509,672	3,469,796
Secondary Education	240,442	266,664
Universities and Colleges	175,300	107,800
Technical Instruction	152,322	145,007
Science and Art	43,884	58,344
Old Age Pensions	2,582,356	2,536,409
National Health Insurance Commission	273,525	282,212
Department of Industry and Commerce	340,208	335,891
Superannuation and Retired Allowances	1,758,149	1,745,929
Post Office	2,290,240	2,303,597
Public Works and Buildings	666,947	700,001
Garda Siochana	1,450,163	1,434,253
General Prisons Board	126,120	128,353
Reformatory and Industrial Schools	107,172	100,606
Local Loans:—		
For capital for purpose of sundry Loans	500,000	50,000
For payments on account of annuities to British Local Loans Fund	600,000	746,000
Department of Local Government and Public Health	443,572	512,201
Revenue Department	683,600	671,956
Land Commission	527,433	578,004
Department of Lands and Agriculture	342,477	336,315
Purchase of Creameries	500,000	—
Supplementary Agricultural Grant	599,011	599,011
Beet Sugar Subsidy	181,502	—
Other Supply Services	1,391,421	1,683,300
	£23,891,945	£23,346,584

The net increase in expenditure under Central Fund and Supply Services amounts to £854,499 as compared with 1925 and 1926. The following are the increases and decreases in the various departments:—

INCREASES.

Central Fund:—	
Service of Debt	£183,080
Road Fund	84,984
Local Taxation Grants	31,750
Judicial Salaries	922
Shares Purchased, Industrial Trust	50,000
Supply Services:—	
Army Pensions	37,227
Property Losses Compensation	65,276
Primary Education	39,876
Universities and Colleges	67,500
Technical Instruction	7,315
Old Age Pensions	45,947
Dept. of Industry and Commerce	4,317
Superannuation and Retired Allowances	12,220
Garda Siochana	15,910
Reformatory and Industrial Schools	6,566
Local Loans: Capital for Sundry Loans	450,000
Revenue Department	11,644
Dept. of Lands and Agriculture	6,162
Purchase of Creameries	500,000
Beet Sugar Subsidy	181,502

DECREASES.

Central Fund:—	
Judicial Pensions	3,349
Returning Officers' Expenses	38,259
Supply Services:—	
Army	243,661
Department of Education	8,348
Secondary Education	26,222
Science and Art	14,460
National Health Insurance	8,687
Post Office	13,357
Public Works and Buildings	33,054
General Prisons Board	2,233
Local Loans: Annuities to British Loans	146,000
Department of Local Government	68,629
Land Commission	50,571
Other Supply Services	291,879

OTHER RECEIPTS.

	1926-27.	1925-26.
Fee Stamps	£110,000	£112,000
Conscience Money	301	212
Interest on investment of Exchequer balance	29,815	58,023
Interest on advances from Exchequer	89,010	58,658
Payments by Local Authorities under Section 14 of Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923	269,350	279,366
Contribution by British Government towards compensation for pre-Truce damage to property and personal injuries	91,521	709,338
Receipts by Departments not appropriated in Aid of Votes	117,555	120,110
Moneys of the Trustees of Dail Eireann paid over to the Minister for Finance	3,193	43,343
Amount received on foot of sale of National Land Bank	190,000	—
Payments by British Government on foot of revenue collected attributable to Saorstat Eireann	78,284	—
Moneys of wound-up Departmental Funds, the liabilities of which have been transferred to Votes:—		
Intermediate Education Fund	381,112	—
Endowment Fund of Department of Agriculture	82,359	—
Development Fund	84,039	—
Other Receipts	1,633	14,414
Totals	£1,528,172	£1,415,464

LAST FIVE DAYS' RETURN.

The following are the receipts and expenditure for the last five days of the year and for the last four days of 1926:—

Revenue.	5 days to March 31, 1927.	4 days to March 31, 1926.
Customs	£167,000	£141,000
Excise	37,000	18,000
Estate Duty	12,000	9,000
Stamps	16,000	15,000
Income Tax	69,000	51,000
Corp. Tax	11,000	4,000
Post Office	190,000	110,000
Land and Sundry	11,900	5,538
Other Receipts	107,505	138,878
Total	£621,405	£492,416
Expenditure.		
Central Fund	197,622	207,217
Supply Services	3,181,304	2,448,655
Total Expenditure	£3,378,926	£2,655,872

BUDGET ESTIMATES.

£500,000 TO PAY OFF REPUBLICAN BONDS.

The following are the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, signed by the Free State Minister of Finance on Wednesday and presented to the Dail yesterday:—

(1) ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

Tax Revenue	£20,765,000
Non-Tax Revenue	3,685,000
Capital Raised Under the Telegraph Acts to provide Telephone Capital	224,000
Additional Amount to be found by borrowing or otherwise to cover expenditure as hereinafter set forth	7,434,110
Total	£32,008,000

The foregoing figures are based on the rates at present in force.

(2) ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.

Central Fund Services	£3,771,369
Supply Services	23,502,631
Capital Issues	2,074,000
Repayment of Temporary Borrowings	2,750,000
Total	£32,008,000

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ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

The particulars of the tax revenue are as follows, the estimated figures being based on the rates at present in force:—

Customs	£6,779,000
Excise	6,611,000
Estate, etc., Duties	1,100,000
Stamp Duties	475,000
Income Tax	4,300,000
Super Tax	550,000
Excess Profits Duties	—
Corporation Profits Tax	300,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	650,000
Total	£20,765,000

ESTIMATES OF NON-TAX REVENUE.

Postal Service	£1,198,000
Telegraph Service	231,000
Telephone Service	320,000
Special Rate under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923	350,000
Miscellaneous	1,586,000
Total	£3,685,000

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.

The particulars of estimated expenditure for the Central Fund Services are as follows:—

Local Taxation Grants	£1,042,580
Payments to Road Fund	1,000,000
Judicial Pensions	37,000
Judicial Salaries	72,000
Other Salaries and Allowances	12,889
Griffith Annuity	1,000
Industrial Trust Co. of Ireland	—
Expenses of Returning Officers	55,000
Service of Debt:	
Interest	589,850
Sinking Fund, etc.	430,000
Repayment of Dail Eireann Loan (Internal, 1919-20):	
Capital	378,893
Interest	151,000
Total	£3,771,369

Having set out the particulars regarding the estimated expenditure (£23,502,631) for Supply Services, the White Paper gives the following particulars of the estimated capital issues, 1927-28:—

For Advances under the Telegraph Acts to provide Telephone Capital	£224,000
For Advances under Shannon Electricity Act, 1925	1,185,000

Particulars of estimated repayments of temporary borrowings, with a comparison with the previous year's estimates, are:—

Ways and Means Advances	£135,000	£100,000
Savings Certificates	£135,000	150,000
Free State Bills	—	2,500,000
Total	£270,000	£2,750,000

NORTHERN IRELAND.

£1,200,000 TO BRITAIN.

£1,400,000 LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

NORTHERN Ireland are making an annual contribution to the Imperial Exchequer of £1,217,879, as against £2,600,000 a year ago, towards the cost of the Imperial services, such as the National Debt and the fighting forces. The surplus of revenue over expenditure for the financial year which closed yesterday was £35,253.

Previous surpluses were:—

1922 ...	£47,000	1924 ...	£46,000
1923 ...	£32,000	1925 ...	£150,741
		1926 ...	£50,060

The tax revenue over which the Northern Government has control—namely, the revenue from stamps, estate duty, etc.—was £953,400. The revenue reserved under Statute to the Imperial Government—viz., that derived from income tax, Customs, and Excise duties, etc., was £7,822,613, as against £8,432,505 a year ago.

Ulster Savings Certificates issued have decreased during the year from £448,000 to £425,000, while £1,313,022 advanced to the Unemployment Fund has been repaid.

The full official statement for the last financial year appears on page 4. Below is a comparative table for the past two years:—

REVENUE.

	1927.	1926.
Transferred Taxes	£883,400	£891,300
Motor Duties	377,925	335,766
Reserved Taxes	7,822,613	8,432,505
Land Purchase	665,000	665,000
Church Rent Charges	18,000	18,000
For Public Buildings (from Imperial Exchequer)	126,800	161,000
Imperial Grant for Special Constabulary	86,000	1,134,000
Imperial Contribution to Unemployment Fund	806,473	685,000
Interest on Advances to Unemployed Fund	201,000	—
Miscellaneous	61,140	303,182
	£11,156,450	£12,725,747

OTHER RECEIPTS.

Balance in Exchequer	£21,337	£29,501
Savings Certificates	425,000	520,000
Temporary Borrowings	8,891,000	11,701,000
Repayment of Advances to Unemployed Fund	1,313,022	1,015,000
Advances for Housing	163,280	102,852
Advances for Police Barracks	16,867	—
Loans Repayments	85,000	92,000
New Land Annuities	7,004	3,200
Balance	35,253	50,000
Transfer from Government Loans	—	1,115,004
Government Loans Repaid	—	8,788
	£10,970,763	£14,640,423

EXPENDITURE.

Consolidated Fund—	1927.	1926.
Road Fund	£377,925	£333,760
Sinking Fund	178,331	260,480
Interest on Borrowings	34,118	—
Other Services	19,506	146,323
Supply Services—		
Old Age Pensions	1,189,000	1,088,104
R.U. Constabulary	785,000	790,000
Special Constabulary	139,000	1,161,000
Unemployed Insurance	1,736,423	1,253,068
Health Insurance	276,000	—
Education	1,849,000	1,880,600
Agriculture	405,627	381,979
Other Services	1,118,346	1,144,845
Reserved Services, including Post Office	1,735,027	1,719,108
Contribution to Imperial Services	1,217,879	2,600,000
Surplus	35,253	50,000
	£11,159,456	£12,725,747

OTHER ISSUES.

	1927.	1926.
Surplus	£50,061	—
Savings Certificates Repaid	183,000	193,000
Borrowings Repaid	5,705,000	11,787,008
Advances to Unemployment	1,886,000	2,038,000
Grants for Housing	163,025	107,826
Police Barracks	16,867	45,384
Loans Repaid to Treasury	90,071	93,000
Land Purchase	6,247	5,583
Sanatorium Grant	—	6,834
Government Loan	—	221,654
Surplus (1924-5 issued)	—	158,741
Balance	30,317	31,337
	£10,970,783	£14,640,423

GREAT BRITAIN.

£36,600,000 DEFICIT.

RESULT OF COAL STRIKE.

BIG DROP IN INCOME TAX RECEIPTS.

From a Lobby Correspondent.
WESTMINSTER, Thursday Night.

The fact that the Revenue returns for the financial year show a deficiency of revenue as compared with expenditure of £36,693,794 is received with surprise.

The general anticipation was that the deficit would be between £20,000,000 and £30,000,000.

Members on reflection, however, think that it is not too bad considering that we have had a general strike and a seven months' coal stoppage in the financial year that has closed.

There is also a disposition to regard Mr. Churchill as playing for a big deficit this year, in order to make surer of a surplus next year.

It has been noted that no very great pressure has been exercised recently on income tax payers, and much revenue which might have been collected if an extreme effort had been made will now go to swell next year's total.

£110,000,000 IN THREE MONTHS.

The deficit for 1925-6 was £14,038,120, due to the payment of the coal subsidy.

The returns issued by the Treasury are as follows:—

	1926-7.	1925-6.
Revenue	£805,761,233	£812,661,653
Expenditure	842,395,027	826,699,778

The Chancellor of the Exchequer budgeted for:—

Revenue	£824,750,000
Expenditure	820,641,000

Supplementary estimates increased the anticipated expenditure to £832,478,000. At the end of the third quarter of the year the deficit was £146,000,000.

In the past three months this has been reduced by £110,000,000, the receipts for the last quarter totalling £326,6[illegible]570, an increase compared with the corresponding period a year ago of £14,250,000.

SOME COMPARISONS.

Compared with the Budget estimates, the receipts are £19,048,767 down, while estimated expenditure has been exceeded by £21,754,027.

Property and income tax shows the greatest falling off. Receipts were £234,717,000, a decline of £24,694,000 compared with last year and of over £19,000,000 compared with the estimated yield.

The only other important decline is in corporation profits tax, which shows a decrease of £7,700,000 compared with 1926, and has failed to reach the estimated result by over £2,500,000.

Special receipts are £6,084,593 lower than last year, but the decline is less than the Chancellor of the Exchequer expected, as the Budget estimate for this item has been exceeded by nearly £5,000,000.

Estate duties show an increase of over £6,000,000; Customs receipts are over £4,000,000 higher than last year, and motor vehicle duties and excess profits duties show advances of £3,337,000 and £2,500,000 respectively.

£900,000 MORE TO THE NORTH.

On the expenditure side, interest, etc., accounts for an increase of over £10,000,000, while payments to Northern Ireland Exchequer are £905,[illegible] higher.

The total floating debt outstanding is £715,776,000, a net increase of £11,480,000 compared with the beginning of the financial year.

FIRE AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

COUNTRY ILLUMINATED FOR MILES AROUND.

Damage estimated at thousands of pounds was caused last night by a fire which virtually destroyed a one-floor store near the new fuse factory in the danger area at Woolwich Arsenal. Breaking out at about 7 o'clock the flames made rapid headway, and illuminated the country for miles around, but in the course of an hour had been got under control by the Arsenal Fire Brigade, twenty London County Council engines, and other appliances.

The scene of the fire, which is believed to have originated among some oil stored in the building, was not far from that of two years ago, when the anti-gas mask and tailors' shops were destroyed. Great crowds gathered in the approaches to the Arsenal, and on the hills near Plumstead Common, watching the blaze.

ENGLISH AND WELSH CENTENARIANS.

WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in reply to Colonel Day, writes that the numbers of persons in England and Wales whose deaths at the age of 100 years and over have been recorded during the past five years, are as follows:—

	Males.	Females.
1922	18	59
1923	22	74
1924	22	64
1925	23	69
1926 (provisional)	27	61
Totals	112	327

KING TUTANKHAMEN'S CURSE.

LEGEND EXPLODED BY SCIENTISTS.

That a microscopical examination of the deteriorated fabrics in King Tutankhamen's tomb was made in order to dispose of the stories that the curse of disease would fall on anyone who disturbed the King's remains was revealed by Dr. A. C. Thaysen, at yesterday's concluding session of the Royal Microscopical Society at Liverpool University.

"I, with Mr. H. J. Bunker, through the courtesy of Mr. Howard Carter, made the examination of the fabrics in which the Pharoah had been wrapped," he said. "We also examined similar fabrics from the tomb of Queen Heterpheres at Giza, and no bacteria were found."

EFFICIENCY IN INDUSTRY.

WHERE AMERICA LEADS.

RESULTS OF THE GROUP SYSTEM.

HIGHER WAGES AND MORE EMPLOYMENT.

"The adaptability shown by all engaged in industry to promote efficiency and productivity, and to eliminate waste in order to secure the greatest benefits which industry can afford, is particularly noticeable."

THIS sentence is contained in the report of the delegation appointed to study industrial conditions in Canada and the United States of America, which was issued last night. The delegation was appointed to study industrial conditions in those countries, with special reference to the relations between employers and employed in their bearing upon industrial conditions in Great Britain. Sir William Mackenzie acted as chairman, and the other members were Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. Michael B. U. Dewar, Mr. James Kaylor, Mr. F. W. Leggett, Mr. I. Haig Mitchell, and Mr. C. Randolph Smith.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.

Calling attention to points of special interest, the d[illegible]tion says:—"The formation of lar[illegible]oups in industry is very marked, and they are almost entirely of the type referred to as 'horizontal trusts.' Where well organised their success is undeniable. They have caused cheaper production and lower selling prices, and this has resulted in widened markets, greater employment, and higher wages.

"Large amalgamations of similar industries are no more difficult to control than small units, and the advantages are that overhead charges are lessened, selling expenses are reduced, and individual factories can be specialised on the production of fewer varieties of articles, again causing cheaper production.

EFFECT OF STANDARDISATION.

"The effect of intelligent standardisation is to reduce the cost of manufacture, to reduce stocks which have to be carried both by a manufacturer and a dealer, and to make the fi[illegible]ing of stocks easier by reducing the risk of depreciation due to changing fashion or type. This process has undoubtedly been made easier in the United States than is at present possible in Great Britain by the lack of conservatism and by the power of the large combinations of industry.

"In addition to standardisation, simplification of design, so that parts of any commodity can be more cheaply and easily manufactured, is the subject of continual study."

THE QUESTION OF MANAGEMENT.

The report refers to a clearer recognition of management as the executive arm of the industry, and states that the technique of management has greatly advanced. Managers pool among themselves, even in competitive industries, the benefits of their experience in production, organisation, marketing and industrial relations, and full publicity is given to statistical and other *data* on all business matters.

Coming to the subject of labour, the delegation say: "The workpeople accept experiments towards the reduced cost of production, as they have always found that the result of lower costs has been increased consumption and consequently more employment. Various forms of incentive are arranged to maintain a high standard of output.

"Appointments to executive and administrative posts are determined by ability, and this position arouses keen individual effort, and has a marked effect on the *moral* of the workshop."

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

During recent years there has been a greater realisation of the importance of industrial relations. Organised labour is adapting its organisation to meet changed conditions. The movement towards closer contact in the workshop between management and workpeople, the enlistment of trade unions and individual workers in the problems of organisation and production, and the exchange of information regarding costs of production and the state of business are important contributions to the association of management and labour.

In a reference to prohibition, the report observes: "Its economic effect has been very great by the diversion of large sums of money into savings and the purchase of commodities and by increasing regularity of attendance at work."

In a final chapter on Canada, the delegation say that most of the report regarding the United States applies equally to Canada, although they wish to make it clear that that similarity does not mean that Canada has no characteristics of her own.

PETROL RAILWAY COACHES.

GREAT SOUTHERN COMPANY'S ENTERPRISE.

The Drewry Car Company, Ltd., of Burton-on-Trent, states *Modern Transport*, have received contracts from the Great Southern Railways (Ireland) for four internal combustion rail coaches.

The same builders have an order for three 80 h.p. double-bogie rail coaches on the Kalka-Simla section of the North-Western India State Railway.

TROOPSHIP ON FIRE.

FILLED WITH SPANISH SOLDIERS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
GIBRALTAR, Thursday.

The Spanish troopship Tordera is reported on fire off the Penon de la Gomera, near Alhucemas, Spanish Morocco. The ship was engaged in carrying Spanish troops to Morocco.

The salvage steamer Valkyrien, now at Alhucemas, has been ordered to proceed immediately to the spot and render assistance.

The Castilla, belonging to the same line, is only fifteen miles distant.

A Lloyd's Gibraltar message states:—"S.O.E. Spanish steamer Tordera on fire; full of troops; position front Velez Gomera Rocks. Castilla proceeding to assist."

LATE NEWS.

MR. HENRY FORD'S CONDITION.

SERIOUS NEWSPAPER REPORTS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
DETROIT, Thursday.

Although the official bulletin this afternoon regarding the condition of Mr. Henry Ford was favourable, newspaper correspondents at Detroit are less optimistic. Thus the Correspondent of the *New York Evening Post* to-night says that the patient's condition is much more serious than has been admitted. He asserts that Mr. Ford is spitting blood from an internal hemorrhage, and is in so much pain that he is unable to suppress groans whenever he moves or is touched.

His face is so bruised, adds the Correspondent, that "it bears little resemblance to the gentle-faced man whose countenance is known the world over."

Meanwhile, the police are continuing their active search for the alleged assailants on the theory that the accident was really an arranged attempt to murder Mr. Ford, although this thesis still remains to be proved, and some officials hold the view that Mr. Ford's car was forced over the embankment as the result of bad driving on the part of some drunken motorist.

Six suspects have been arrested, but they were all released after being questioned.

AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

LESSONS FOR BRITAIN.

In a leading article upon the report issued yesterday of the delegation appointed last August by the Ministry of Labour to study industrial conditions in the United States and Canada, *The Times* remarks:—On the whole, the report undoubtedly points to the familiar conclusion, that at the present moment American industry is more prosperous and American industrial relations and labour conditions on a more satisfactory footing than is the case over here. Among the many causes to which this happier state of affairs on the other side of the Atlantic is probably due, there are some which are indigenous to the American soil and incapable of being transplanted, but there are others which certainly ought to be regarded as examples to be followed by British employers and wage-earners.

Under this heading the first and greatest of the lessons to be learnt from the report is the value of co-operation. The chief obstacle to industrial progress and prosperity is industrial dissension. Until that fundamental truth is realised and followed by both the partners in British industry, there is little prospect of improved conditions for either of them. In addition, there are two secondary lessons of hardly less importance. One of these is that trade unionism can never play the part that it should in industry until, besides increasing its output, it eliminates politics from its programme, and the other, that employers, individually and as a whole, must not only do everything in their power to establish a friendly and confidential understanding with those to whom they pay wages, but must also in many cases improve their own methods of production and organisation.

THE DAWES PLAN.

REICHSTAG AND A REVISION.

From "The Times" Correspondent.
BERLIN, Thursday.

The debate on the War Burdens Budget in the Reichstag to-day was made the occasion of a demonstration by all parties in favour of a revision of the Dawes plan, which is hailed by the Berlin Press as an event of considerable importance. The reparation payments amount to 1,778,700,000 marks (£88,935,000), and the domestic payments resulting from the war pensions and other forms of compensation to 177,200,000 marks (£8,860,000).

The lead in the offensive against the Dawes plan in its present incomplete state was taken by Herr Dessauer, of the Centre Party, who said that the fact that the reparation payments were now being made with comparatively little trouble was no proof that this would continue to be so in the future. Last year foreign money to the amount of 2,300,000,000 marks (£115,000,000) had flowed into Germany. They could not expect that sort of loan every year.

Herr Dessauer's chief point was that the time had come for Germany's total obligation to be fixed. Germany's membership of the League of Nations and the growth of the feeling that all civilised nations were bound up in a common fate gave her a right even to put in a word in the complicated question of international debts. There have been signs for some time in trade, industrial and banking, as well as political circles, that the movement for a final settlement, embracing reparations and inter-Allied debts and definitely fixing the total of the German payments, was about to become more marked.

BOULOGNE MYSTERY.

MEDICAL AUTHORITIES' VIEWS.

BOULOGNE, Thursday.

No official demand from the legal adviser of the Daniels family for permission for the exhumation of the body of Miss Daniels has yet reached the examining magistrate here. Meanwhile the possibility is being widely discussed here of the body having been kept for some time in a house and transported months after death to the spot where it was found.

While the medical authorities state that they see no actual reason why the remains should not have been transported by car, they are, nevertheless, inclined to scout the idea on the ground of common-sense, as if would be easier and safer to bury a body in the sand dunes.

Parts of the body were in a mumified condition, but it is declared that this is perfectly compatible with exposure to open air, and gives no reason to deduce that it might have been enclosed in a cupboard, for example.

Mr. John F. O'Hanlon has decided to stand for the County Cavan constituency as an Independent candidate at the coming elections.

DAIL EIREANN.

£212,000 FOR DRAINAGE.

BARROW FLOODS.

FINANCES OF THE SHANNON WORKS.

SELF-SUPPORTING IN 1932.

The Dail yesterday authorised the Commissioners of Public Works to advance £212,500, half the cost of the Barrow drainage scheme.

When the Electricity (Supply) Bill was taken in Committee, the Minister for Industry and Commerce accepted an amendment, under which current could be supplied from the Shannon Scheme to consumers in Northern Ireland.

The Minister stated that he saw no reason why the distribution of electricity from the Shannon should not begin in February, 1929. He believed that the consumption then would be 75,000,000 units, and that it would be increased to 110,000,000 units in 1932.

It was expected that in that year the Board of Control would be able to pay the sinking fund and meet all working expenses out of revenue.

THE BARROW.

COST OF THE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance, moved a resolution to provide for the advance by the Commissioners of Public Works of a sum equal to one-half of the total costs and expenses of the Barrow drainage scheme not to exceed in the aggregate £212,500.

The Minister said that the State undertook to pay half the cost of carrying out the scheme.

Mr. Davin said that he would object to local people being called upon to pay the high fees to experts for giving advice which turned out to be useless.

Mr. Conlon said that in no previous scheme for the drainage of the Barrow was there any suggestion that the local ratepayers should contribute half the cost of the scheme. The Government would be well advised to contribute a larger proportion of the cost than was provided for in the money resolution.

Mr. Colohan supported the plea for a larger contribution from the Government.

Mr. R. Wilson (Farmers' Party) said that they had all been asking for the Barrow scheme. Mr. Davin would now be able to go to his constituents and say that he had got the Government to do the work. (Laughter.)

Mr. Davin—Has the deputy gone over to the Government yet? (Laughter.)

Mr. Blythe said that from the beginning the Government had said that the locality should bear half the cost, and they did not propose to alter that.

The resolution was agreed to.

On the Committee stage of the bill an amendment by Mr. C. M. Byrne to exclude Co. Wicklow from the area of charge was negatived without a division.

ELECTRICITY BOARD.

AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS.

The Committee stage of the Electricity (Supply) Bill, 1927, was resumed.

Major Bryan Cooper moved an amendment to Section 6 providing that the accounts of the Board should be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General, who would submit to the Dail a report together with a copy of the balance sheet and profit and loss account.

The amendment, said Major Cooper, was intended as a substitute for the method of audit described by the Minister. It would be more impartial and effective, and would bring the accounts of the scheme under the direct control of the Dail. The accounts should be submitted to a public official, already in existence, who would be absolutely immune from pressure.

In the bill as it stood there was no provision of any kind that the Dail should see the accounts, and, if the Minister thought fit, he could withhold the result of the audit and the profit and loss account from the Dail.

NOT PRIVATE PROPERTY.

At times one would think that the Shannon scheme was the Minister's private property and that it was an impertinence for the Dail to ask for any information. It was not the Minister's private property, and it would be liable to great alteration in the event of a change of Government.

The Dail were the representatives of the shareholders, and he did not know of any limited company in which the auditors were not appointed by the shareholders.

The Minister said that, as far as having an impartial audit was concerned, he had taken the only means open to him to do so. The duty of the auditor and comptroller was to control all disbursements and audit all accounts by, or under the authority of, the Oireachtas. All that he could do under the amendment would be to say whether the disbursements were in order. That was what Deputy Cooper considered a more effective audit than that which the bill proposed. There was no more effective audit than that which he (the Minister) had suggested.

He was in favour of giving all the publicity possible to the accounts of the Board, but he objected to have the account dragged back again into that House through the supervision of the Auditor and Comptroller-General.

Major Cooper said that the Minister's statement was very largely camouflage.

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There was not a word in the amendment about the Public Accounts Committee. The amendment would make it possible for the public to get information and discuss it.

The amendment was defeated by 35 votes to 23.

Professor Thrift (Ind.) asked the Minister to consider some form of amendment that would secure the publication of accounts.

Mr. McGilligan said that he was prepared to enlarge the section to make provision for the publication of certain main accounts.

ALL IRELAND.

An amendment moved by Major Myles to delete the words "Saorstat Eireann," so that electricity could be supplied to Northern Ireland, was passed.

Mr. W. Hewat moved in Section 20, Sub-Section 1 and 2, an amendment to delete the figures 1932 and to substitute therefor the figures 1942.

He said that the substance of the section was that in the year 1932 the Board was to be in a position to pay all the charges for interest on the sinking fund and working expenses in connection with the undertaking. His amendment was brought forward with the intention of exploring the position of affairs in 1932. It was clearly anticipated that in the years of construction there would be outgoings and the amount of incomings until the Shannon works were in operation would of course be nil.

He would like the Minister to give an indication as to when the Shannon works would be in operation. Between the year when they commenced operations and the year 1932 the section visualised that the enterprise would have reached such a stage of development that in 1932 the Board would be able out of revenue derived from the undertaking to pay the interest on the sinking fund and working expenses. His amendment was put down with the idea that in the year 1932 the scheme would not be in a position to do any such thing.

A HEAVY BURDEN.

They had an original capital expenditure of over five millions, and the previous day the Minister for Finance introduced a new estimate for £2,500,000, and if the whole of that expenditure fell on the Board in 1932, the Board would be burdened with a very large sum in addition to the ordinary working expenses.

On partial scheme it was estimated that the output would be 110 million units. He would like the Minister to say what he thought the output would be when the Station was started, and what was the output which he saw ahead during the interval between the time the Board started operations and the year 1932.

Mr. McGilligan said that when the deputy put down 1942 it was simply a guess, and did not mean anything. He saw no reason why current should not be generated in February, 1929. The experts drew up a report and made certain estimates, and he believed that, without anything extra being done, or any extra current being sold by reason of propaganda, there would be a sale of 75 million units of electricity in 1929, and that would make the scheme pay from that date.

The experts said that the scheme should be revenue producing in 1932, and he did not think that they could get away from the figures which the experts gave them. Certain people did not believe in the scheme, and never did. Should they change the year from 1932 to 1942 because of that?

Major Myles said that the Minister had given them a good deal of information, and he asked Mr. Hewat to withdraw the amendment.

Mr. Wilson said that the output of electricity was estimated at 75,000,000 units in 1929. Did the Minister consider that it would increase by 15 per cent. yearly up to 1932?

Mr. McGilligan—Decidedly.

The amendment was withdrawn.

A Ministerial amendment, requiring authorised undertakers and permitted undertakers under penalties to give such information relating to their undertakings as the Board considered necessary, was adopted.

COST OF INVESTIGATION.

Major Cooper moved an amendment providing for the various undertakings a right to be represented at the investigations either by counsel or otherwise, and that the costs of the undertakers should be paid by the Board. He said that the undertakers should have some safeguard against unnecessary and frivolous inquiries.

Captain Redmond suggested that the words "either by counsel or otherwise" should be omitted.

The Minister said that the amendment would mean the piling up of costs against the board. If the board were looked upon as a bogey, the thing to do was to throw as much costs against it as possible. Who was going to pay those costs? The consumers of the electricity. The amendment would result in an army of counsel appearing before the investigators. To defeat the whole purpose of the board seemed to be the object of the amendment. He had no objection to the undertakers being represented if the costs were paid by the undertakers.

Major Cooper said that they had no information as to the board to be appointed. Who was to pay the cost of the investigation even if the amendment were not accepted?

The Minister said that the staff of the board would hold the investigation.

Major Cooper said that the various undertakings would have no safeguard. They had statutory powers.

A CONCESSION.

The Minister said that he would agree to the first part of the amendment as to the undertakers being represented, but he could not agree to that part dealing with their costs.

Captain Redmond said that the costs should be borne by the board, as it was part and parcel of the investigation.

The Minister said that the investigation would be made by the engineers and staffs of both sides.

Major Cooper asked the Minister to do something which would prevent repeated investigations that would harass those responsible for undertakings. He suggested that there should be a period of at least a year or two between every investigation into a particular undertaking.

The Minister said that there would be no attempt to pile up charges or at harassing undertakings.

Major Cooper pointed out that nobody would have any control over the Board, and it was desirable to limit its powers.

Mr. John Good mentioned that while the powers of the Board were set out in the bill, there was nothing said as to the power that undertakers had as to calling witnesses.

Mr. A. Byrne asked what should lead up to an investigation. Should there be mismanagement of an undertaking? If the concern were well managed, could the Board call for an investigation? He believed that the inquiry should be an independent one, and not one conducted by the Board's staff, but held at the instance of the Board. He had in mind the Dublin City and Rathmines electricity works, both of which were well-managed concerns. He could see the Board urging an inquiry into these concerns.

BIG PROFITS.

The Minister said that big profits by a municipal undertaking would be a matter for investigation, because municipal undertakings should not make a big profit.

Mr. Byrne—The Dublin City undertaking has in the past given relief to the ratepayers.

The Minister—If that is going to continue in practice there will be an immediate case for investigation.

Captain Redmond—Should they, then, be run at a loss?

Mr. Hewat said that there were various undertakings—municipal undertakings—which were successful. There was considerable risk in these concerns. Did the Minister lay it down that they were to be run so as to leave no margin?

The Minister—No margin for distribution to the ratepayers. Continuing, he said that under the bill investigations would be made whether complaints had been made or not. In ordinary circumstances the investigation would mean dealing with the information the Board required under the section, and which had not been given sufficiently.

The amendment was withdrawn, the Minister undertaking to deal with the question of representation on the report stage.

Major Myles moved an amendment to insert before Sub-Section 4 of Section 33 a new sub-section, to the effect that any person who was selling or supplying electricity for sale on the 31st March, 1927, should be entitled to sell or supply until an order was made by the Board terminating his right to do so. He said that the reason for the amendment was that people should be notified rather than that they should break the law.

The Minister said that they would be notified.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. Hewat proposed to insert before Sub-Section 4 of Section 33 a new section, as follows:—

"Any person who (other than an authorised undertaker or a person with a permit under Section 35) but for the provisions of the last preceding sub-section, would not have been entitled to carry on an undertaking for supply of electricity for sale, and whose right to do so is terminated by an order of the Board, on satisfying the Board or the arbitrator hereinafter mentioned, as the case may be, that such undertaking at the date on which such order was made was being worked in an efficient manner, and that he has suffered loss by reason of such order having been made, shall be entitled to be paid by the Board such compensation in respect of such loss as, in default of agreement, shall be fixed by an arbitrator to be appointed by the Chief Justice of Saorstat Eireann."

He said that there were numbers of persons carrying on the generation and distribution of electricity, and if they are not allowed to carry on their means of livelihood would be interfered with. The principle of compensation, which went right through the bill, should be recognised.

He would like to hear from the Minister whether he proposed that anybody should be cleared out of the industry without compensation. When a measure like that, which was for the public good, was being passed, the persons interfered with should be compensated.

Mr. McGilligan said that Deputy Hewat wanted to establish that if there were unauthorised undertakings which could prove that they were efficiently worked and suffered a loss by not being granted a permit, they should be compensated.

He could see quite clearly that undertakings that were managed well would be taken over. Efficiency was not the test, nor would inefficiency be the reason why undertakings should disappear.

He did not want to give the Board power to proceed on a campaign of wholesale destruction of unauthorised undertakings, and to which no compensation would be given. There was no such intention. The Board might take over unauthorised undertakings, and the moment it did those undertakings would fall into the line for compensation in the same way as authorised undertakings.

A DIFFERENCE.

The difficulty was that there was no definite information about unauthorised undertakings, and where they tried to get information it was refused. There was the further difference that authorised concerns had their areas mapped out, and had obligation to supply all consumers within that area and on terms set out. The unauthorised undertaking could sell to selected customers, and change its own rates. Were they to pay heavily for a man who might have given no public service whatever? A great many unauthorised undertakers had given public service in supplying lighting for streets, and were of a type that could become authorised undertakers, but did not do so.

It would be quite wrong to treat all unauthorised undertakers as Deputy Hewat would have them treated. The Board must pay for any network taken over and used, or any operations of unauthorised undertakings that were taken over, but there was no question of paying compensation to those on their profits over a period of years.

Mr. Baxter said that to leave the bill as it was would be unsatisfactory.

Major Myles said that the State should not injure the value of a man's property without giving him reasonable compensation.

Mr. John Good said that these undertakings had done useful pioneer work in their areas; the work should not be taken from them without adequate compensation.

Mr. McGilligan, in reply, said that the basis of compensation must be different in the case of people who were guaranteed a monopoly, and who put money into it on that understanding, and those who had set up without knowing when they would be subject to competition and not bound by any obligations.

The amendment was withdrawn, the Minister agreeing to consider the matter.

An amendment proposed by Mr. Hewat, making it mandatory on the Board to take over undertakings, if the undertakers so desired, was lost.

THEIR MARKET VALUE.

Mr. Norton moved an amendment, the object of which was to secure to local authorities compensation based on the fair market value of the undertaking. He instanced a local undertaking, the capital of which was £160,000, £90,000 of which had been paid off, and there was outstanding a sum of £70,000. This local authority, he contended, should be compensated on the basis of the original capital. There should be no discrimination between local authorities and private undertakers.

Mr. A. Byrne proposed an amendment having a similar object in view—viz., that the Board should compensate local authorities in such sum as would, with the capital loans, mortgages and charges, but not including capital expenditure, equal the fair value of the undertaking, the fair value to be fixed, in default of agreement, by an arbitrator.

He said that the Pigeon House Station had been a great success, and when the taking over of that was being considered allowance should be made for their expenditure and the benefit they gave to the Dublin ratepayers.

REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

Mr. McGilligan said that the consumer who paid for the plant got a service in return. The cost to the electricity consumer in any area was the cost of the power station, plus the cost of distribution. The position was that the consumer in Dublin was getting his current cheaper, and under the Board the same conditions would hold.

Captain Redmond—Will he get it cheaper under the Board than now?

Mr. McGilligan—That remains to be seen. I do not see why he should not.

Mr. Hewat (Ind.) pointed out that there was nothing in the bill to indicate whether there was to be a universal flat rate or different rates for different places. The Board was not entitled, in the case of Dublin, to get a valuable asset created by the consumers of that city for the purpose of supplying cheaper electricity to other parts of the country. If the Shannon scheme was to be worked on that basis, it meant that Dublin would have to pay far more than its share of the cost.

Mr. A. Byrne said that, while he was anxious to see the success of the Shannon scheme, he was not prepared to say that any privilege which Dublin held should be taken from it in order to help other people who did nothing to help themselves in the past.

Mr. J. Good said that he was satisfied that Dublin Corporation and other local authorities which had established generating stations had vested interests which were of considerable value, but under this bill these were to be wiped out; they were to get no indemnity of any kind. If the House approved of that principle he would be surprised.

At this stage progress was reported, and the debate was adjourned until to-day.

SENATE'S SHORT SITTING.

The Irish Free State Senate met yesterday for the purpose of passing the report stage of the Central Fund Bill.

The business was purely formal and lasted only a few minutes. When it was over the House discussed the order of business for the next sitting.

Finally, Mr. O'Farrell suggested that the Chairman should lay down the order of business. He declared that he would prefer a benevolent dictator to an unseemly discussion lasting for twenty minutes.

The Chairman (Lord Glenavy) said that he was responsible for raising the discussion, with a view to arranging the business; but if the House wished it he would undertake the dictatorship and frame the agenda.

Mr. O'Farrell said that they met for five minutes and spent twenty minutes discussing what they were to do the next day. When a report of their proceedings appeared in the Press it made them look a laughing-stock.

The Chairman said that it was quite an ordinary occurrence in the other House to discuss the question of business, and he did not hear of anybody laughing at it.

Mr. O'Farrell—In proportion to the amount of work they do. (Laughter.)

The Senate then adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

NEW COMMISSIONER FOR CORK MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Mr. Sear O'Farrell has been appointed Commissioner in charge of Cork Mental Hospital, the appointment dating from to-day, and it is anticipated that he will also be made Commissioner for Queenstown Urban District.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (MALE).
Open Competition on July 21st. Age 19-23. Last examination, Oct., 1926. 17 Successes. BEST RESULT. Oral and Correspondence Classes.—SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

AMERICAN'S GREAT COAL STRIKE.

200,000 MINERS OUT TO-DAY.

80 MILLION TONS IN RESERVE.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

At midnight to-night one of the biggest combined strikes and lock-outs ever known in the United States starts in the bituminous coal fields of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Two hundred thousand miners will be affected.

The new development, which follows the expiration of the present wage agreement, is another chapter in the prolonged struggle which has been going on between the coal operators and the united mine workers of America.

THE JACKSONVILLE AGREEMENT.

At a conference at Miami in the middle of February the miners asked for an extension of the Jacksonville agreement of 1924, and refused to have wages lowered. The conference ended in a deadlock. The operators insisted that they would have to lower the base wage of 7.50 dollars a day, to enable them to compete with the non-unionised mines of Kentucky and West Virginia.

With the miners determined not to have wages lowered, the owners have countered with a suggestion for a reduction.

A LOCK-OUT.

Mr. Rice Miller, President of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, has announced that the mines of the Association would lock out their workers till they agree to the operators' terms. This lock-out will affect more than 200 mines and 72,500 men.

If the present scale should be maintained, Mr. Miller is reported to have said, the mines must continue to operate at a loss. It is, therefore, better to close them down.

TROUBLE BREEDERS.

Another grievance of the employers is that, under the expiring agreement, they are not allowed to choose their own workers, but must take such as are assigned to them by the United Mine workers, with the result that they are badly overloaded with inefficient, lazy trouble breeders, who do little work, but must be kept on the pay roll.

In the present strike developments the cards are stacked in favour of the employers. Public opinion is not likely to be brought to bear to demand a settlement; for eighty million tons have been stored up in readiness, and, with the approach of summer, the consumers are not likely to feel the pinch for some time to come.

MANY MINERS CARRY ON.

The eighty million tons will last at least two months, and there is little prospect that the strike will be felt over any wide area. Besides this, the outlying mines in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Michigan and Washington will continue to operate, the owners there still observing the Jacksonville scale.

Many of these mines are owned by railways, so that there is no prospect that a strike in the central territory will affect transportation.

NON-UNION PRODUCTION.

To make matters still worse for the strikers, 55 per cent. of the present bituminous supply is produced by non-union mines not in the central field. If the public feel the pinch this production can be raised to 80 or 85 per cent.

RUGBY FOOTBALL REACTIONARIES.

FIGHTING SPEECH BY UNION PRESIDENT.

Mr. James Baxter, the President of the Rugby Union, speaking last night in London at the annual dinner of the London Society of Rugby Union Referees, made some very trenchant remarks.

"I had hoped," he said, "to come here to-night with good news from the International Board meeting of last Friday week. Unfortunately, the proposals which the Rugby Union put forward were not agreed to. We thought—and we did not come to a decision without very earnest consideration of the subject—that our proposals were for the good of the game. Other people saw differently.

"But," continued Mr. Baxter, "the time has arrived when the Rugby Union can say: 'How long are we going to allow ourselves to be tied down?' I speak with deliberation and full knowledge of the importance of my words.

"In a just cause the Rugby Union can stand alone, and if the time comes for them to adopt such an attitude they are quite competent to stand alone and carry on. Those who stand and wait can come in again when they have learned their lesson.

"As long as the Rugby Union retains the confidence of the Rugby world it can stand unaided. We have advanced a step, not, perhaps, as far as we might have gone, with regard to representation of our Overseas Dominions, and next season, when the New South Wales team is with us, we shall see and know the kind of men who will be called upon to represent their country in the future deliberations on the game."

COW-TESTING IN TYRONE.

IMPROVED DAIRY STOCK.

According to reports submitted at the annual meeting of Omagh Milk Recording Association, substantial improvement has been made within recent years in the dairy stock in that part of Tyrone.

These reports showed that the milk yield last year averaged 676 gallons per cow, with a butter fat yield of 247.96 lbs.; and an average test of 3.66, an increase of 55 gallons, and 27.82 lbs. butter fat, on the previous year. The average return in money value of each cow was £23 1s. 9d. In 1921, when the Association was started, the milk yield was 475 gallons, with 166.95 lbs. butter fat, and the increase was 201 gallons per cow and 81.01 lbs. butter fat. The average yield of the ten best cows was £39 18s. 10½d., and the ten worst cows £13 8s. 1½d.

The report was adopted, and the officers and committee re-elected, with the names of Colonel J. P. Galbraith and Mr. James Fullerton added to the committee.

SOLDIER SHOT DEAD.

Following the report of a rifle at the depôt of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment at Halifax yesterday, Private Frederick Turner (24), of Hull, was found huddled up in a corner of the barrack room, dead, from a bullet through his head. A service rifle lay near him.

Pork reached 33s. per cwt. in Omagh market yesterday, an increase of 3s. on the previous week.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

CIVIL SERVICE ESTIMATES.

THE TELEPHONE AND RURAL LIFE.

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.

WESTMINSTER, Thursday.

The House of Commons was very quiet this afternoon, though now and again there was a slight breeze.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain is, of Ministers, the one, perhaps, most hated by the Socialists, and this afternoon he was subjected to rudeness in a most marked manner. Replying to questions on unemployment relief, he said that he would satisfy the curiosity of Mr. Taylor if he would put down a question on the paper. Mr. Taylor thereupon shouted—"You know quite well why can't you give the information now. Come and do your own dirty work."

The Conservatives shouted for a withdrawal, and the Speaker told Mr. Taylor that he must not make such remarks, though they were hardly worth while taking notice of; but he could not allow them to pass.

The Home Secretary said that his attention had been called to the increase, in Parliamentary elections, of organised gangs of interrupters, but he was not in a position to make any proposals. Mr. Brown, the new member for Leith, said that the only arguments for these deluded Marxians was that they should get a good hammering from the supporters of the other side. Amid peals of laughter, the Home Secretary said that he was much impressed by the suggestion.

The Prime Minister expressed his hope that the Government's Trade Union Bill would be in the Vote Office of the House early next week.

POST OFFICE AND RURAL LIFE.

Conditions of rural life, which were discussed yesterday on a Private Member's motion, were further debated this afternoon, with special reference to telephone and postal facilities. The question was raised by Colonel Acland-Troyte, on the motion to go into Committee on the Civil Service Estimates. He suggested that people living in the country were deprived of an efficient telephone service by the fear of the Post-master-General that he would be losing money thereby.

General Clifton Brown regretted the disappearance of the old National Telephone Company, who, he asserted, were much more enterprising than the Post Office had proved themselves to be. Mr. Annam, as an advocate of nationalisation in all its forms, defended the Post Office authorities against the charge of inefficiency, and he quoted Mr. Gordon Selfridge as saying that the telephone system in this country was second to none.

The Postmaster-General explained the position, which was that very small rural exchanges could only be run at a loss, and if they were established unconditionally an unduly disproportionate financial burden would be thrown on the telephone service as a whole. There had, however, been a remarkable development in the rural telephone service, which had risen from 1,254 exchanges in 1913 to 2,700 at the present time. Over 1,000 of these exchanges were unremunerative, so he did not think that it could be said that people in country districts were being unfairly treated.

EIGHT-HOUR CONVENTION.

The failure of the Government to ratify the Washington Eight-Hour Convention was the next subject raised. Mr. Rhys Davies complained bitterly of the inaction of the Government; but Mr. Betterton, for the Labour Ministry, insisted that, in a matter like this, it would be a great mistake to proceed before there was something like international agreement.

After this the House went into Committee of Supply, when Captain King asked it to approve an estimate of £57,000 for the expenses of the Houses of Parliament. Of this sum £20,000 was allocated for the repair of the crumbling stonework. The whole work projected in connection with the restoration of the structure would, he explained, involve an expenditure of over a million pounds, and would be spread over a period of from 12 to 15 years.

There was some divergence of opinion as to the best stone to use in the repairs; but it would appear from a statement made by Sir William Bull that the existing material was not without its uses. He told an amused House that if ten thousand gallons of vinegar were poured over the present structure there would be sufficient Epsom salts produced to satisfy the needs of the Empire for ten thousand years.

The vote was approved.

MURDERER IN THE JUNGLE.

SERIES OF CRIMES NEAR MANDALAY.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

RANGOON, Thursday.

An extraordinary story of crime is reported from Thazi railway junction, south of Mandalay.

Under orders from the sub-divisional officer, the police arrested a Burnam named Sanhpe on a charge of bad living. Sanhpe was taken handcuffed to the headman's house, where the sub-inspector of police sat down to record the evidence.

Sanhpe, seizing the headman's *dah* (sword) with both hands, split the sub-inspector's skull in two and escaped into the jungle, where he rid himself of his handcuffs.

Finding that his movements were being reported to the police by his wife's sister, Sanhpe returned to the village and murdered her and her child.

The deputy-superintendent of police with an armed party, traced Sanhpe and surrounded the house, which the deputy-superintendent, revolver in hand, quietly entered. He was, however, promptly wounded by Sanhpe, who, rushing out of the back door, came face to face with an armed constable, known as the best shot in Thazi. Instead of firing the constable challenged Sanhpe, who fired, killing the constable on the spot.

Sanhpe then eluded the remainder of the police force and escaped into the jungle, where he remains at large.—(Per Press Association, copyright.)

YOUTHFUL HEROES.

CARNEGIE FUND AWARDS TO FOUR BOYS.

Four boys were among those honoured when the Carnegie Hero Fund Trustees met at Dunfermline yesterday to make awards. In the cases of the boys the awards were as follows:—

Alfred Richardson, aged fourteen, Adam street, Darlington, who rescued a boy from drowning, and attempted to rescue another—An allowance of 5s. per week while he attends school, in addition to the wristlet watch awarded last month.

Thomas Dempster MacKinnon, aged fourteen, Dunninghill, Montrose Gardens, Milngavie, for assisting in the rescue of several persons involved in an ice accident on Tannoch Loch, Milngavie—An inscribed watch.

Robert Smith Greer, Post Office telegraph messenger, for stopping a runaway horse yoked to a coal lorry—An inscribed watch.

William Taylor, aged sixteen, 32 College Bounds, Fraserburgh, who rescued a boy and girl on separate occasions from drowning at Fraserburgh, formerly awarded an inscribed watch, was now granted 9s. per week for the first year and 4s. for the third year in connection with an engineering apprenticeship.

DOUBLE INCOME TAX.

Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons yesterday, informed Lieutenant-Colonel Howard Bury that he was prepared to carry on the same arrangements with regard to double income tax on the Guaranteed Four-and-a-Half per Cent. Irish Land Bonds this year as last year.

Eggs are selling at 7d. per dozen at Corofin, Co. Clare.

5,000-YEAR-OLD TOMB.

UNIQUE EGYPTIAN DISCOVERY.

THE ALABASTER WINE JARS.

CAIRO, Thursday.

Still another striking archæological discovery has to be added to the record of Mr. Cecil Firth, who is excavating at Sakkara on behalf of the Antiquities Department of the Egyptian Government. Though no details have yet been disclosed, it is understood that a fifty-century-old Third Dynasty tomb has been unearthed, which is unique in many features.

The search has been a long and tortuous affair owing to the laborious and intricate precautions taken by the builder to conceal the presence of the tomb. He seemed to be determined that none should ever find it. Mr. Firth's patient efforts, however, were rewarded last week.

The Third Dynasty tomb, with rounded top, is on a part of the great boundary wall surrounding the Step Pyramid, which extends about one mile round. To the west of it is a great stairway leading down into the rock. At first this was thought to be the tomb of Imhotep, the architect of King Zoser, who built the Step Pyramid. The Egyptians looked upon Imhotep as a typical wise man of their race. He was believed to be the founder of medicine and law and all manner of sciences, and the discovery of his tomb would be an event of first rate importance.

GROUNDS OF BELIEF.

The reason for thinking that it is Imhoteps' tomb is that the position is one in which it might be expected to find a Vizier's tomb, and is inside an enclosure where one might expect to find the great ones. Moreover, the chapel connected with the tomb had a cornice of serpents' heads, which is the usual decoration of a Vizier's house.

It is not known yet to whom the tomb belongs. If it is that of King Zoser, who built the Step Pyramid, it is difficult to understand why it is so near the Step Pyramid, which must have been his final burial place, but it may have been a temporary tomb in which the King lay, pending completion of the Step Pyramid, or it may be the tomb of his Queen. These, however, are mere suppositions, pending the clearance of certain further chambers yet to be explored.

After descending the great stairway previously mentioned, one goes down over 100 steps, leading to a doorway blocked with three enormous stones. This however, is only a decoy.

It took two months of careful work to discover the entrance and remove the filling which concealed the stairway. The real entrance lay through an obscure tunnel in the rock, hidden by fallen *débris*. This tunnel branches in various directions, and descending from it is a staircase leading through a doorway into a series of underground rooms, walled with white limestone, intended to represent the House of Ka (soul) of the owner of the tomb. The two rooms were once finely decorated with blue tiles, similar to, but more elaborate than, the blue-tiled rooms in the Step Pyramid.

REMARKABLE SCULPTURE.

One of these tombs has three false doors, or niches, each decorated with a portrait of King Zoser, and in each he is shown in a different costume and attitude. This work is in very low relief, and in the very finest style of the period. The figures stand out only about a millimetre, yet every muscle is distinctly shown.

Beyond this room are other rooms hitherto unexplored, which may contain surprising revelations.

In one of the tunnels leading to the chamber the excavators found twelve magnificent alabaster wine jars, averaging nearly three feet in height.

It is certainly the most remarkable tomb of the Archaic or pre-Pyramid age yet discovered, and is one of the earliest in Egypt—certainly the earliest containing limestone relief. The quality of the masonry in the underground chambers is even finer than the remarkable examples of Third Dynasty architecture discovered during the past two years at Sakkara.

MEXICAN BOYCOTT FAILS.

CATHOLICS URGED TO ARM.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MEXICO CITY, Thursday.

The Catholic boycott has failed, and it is now time to get by force of arms what the Church has not been able to obtain by the other method, according to a circular ascribed to Francisco Orozoy Jimenez, Archbishop of Guadalajara, which has been circulating extensively throughout Mexico.

The circular advises the Catholics to distribute Catholic campaign literature, and back the revolution now under way. It also urges women of good families to cease advocating the boycott and come to the war front, where their services will soon be needed as war nurses.

LABOUR PAPER'S STATEMENT.

El Sol, the Labour organ, publishes information from the State of Jalisco saying that the Archbishop now is with the revolutionary forces in the highlands of the State of Jalisco, where he has taken command of the revolution, and with him are four priests whose names are published. The Archbishop, it is claimed, has assumed the title of Commander-in-Chief of the Catholic Revolutionary Army.

Numerous women of good families who have been engaged in distributing the Catholic campaign literature in the streets here, have adopted a new mode of procedure. They approach the people of the lower classes in the streets inducing them to distribute the literature on the advance of certain money, and the promises of more when the distribution is finished.

PEASANTS AND CLERGYMEN ARRESTED.

The metropolitan police have arrested several peasants for distributing Catholic circulars. The peasants explain that they cannot read and do not know the contents or nature of the circulars given to them by well-dressed women who paid them well.

In Guadalajara several priests have been arrested. They are accused of being mixed in a plot against the Government.

MAN WHO WAS "FLUSH" ACQUITTED OF THEFT.

In a case heard at Donegal Criminal Sessions at Lifford this week, where a young man named John Kelly, of Ardmalin, Malin Head, was alleged to have broken into the house of John Thomas Campbell, Drumcarbit, at night, and stolen £24 from his clothes (on the bed) while he lay asleep, the evidence was that on the day following the robbery Kelly, who left Campbell's employment a week before, was alleged to be "flush with money."

Judge Devitt said that on the evidence he could not see that there was even a suspicion against Kelly. By his direction the jury acquitted the prisoner.

SUCCESSFUL RATE COLLECTION.

At the meeting of South Tipperary County Council it was stated that all the collectors, except two, had lodged the amounts of their warrants, and that those two would close their collections on March 31 next. There were some arrears. The Council considered the statement satisfactory.

207 MILES AN HOUR was reached by Major Segrave in his British Sunbeam Car, at Daytona, using Wakefield CASTROL Motor Oil—the product of an All-British Firm. —(Advt.)

AMERICAN FLAG TORN DOWN.

NANKING INCIDENT.

MORE FOREIGNERS EVACUATED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PEKING, Thursday.

The British and American evacuation of Nationalist territory is being accelerated. A strong anti-American sentiment is developing as the result of co-operation with the British authorities at Yangtse ports.

Consular reports received here indicate this, and the outbreaks are particularly violent at Chungking, where protection is said to be inadequate.

UNDER WARSHIP'S GUNS.

Here all Americans have now left the city, and most of the British nationals have been evacuated. All the foreigners now remaining in Chungking have been concentrated in Mackenzie's Compound, under the protection of warship guns.

Similar evacuation, including warships, is now proceeding at Ichang, Changsha, and the intermediate ports to Hankow, where the Consuls are remaining until the fate of that city is determined by events.

REFUGEE SHIPS FIRED ON.

The evacuation is proceeding successfully, except that Nationalists throughout the river areas continue firing upon the refugee ships, which the escorting vessels are returning.

No reports have been received from Hankow during the past three days from the British, American, or Japanese Consuls, which is interpreted as not being any material change.

Disorders are reported to be continuing at Nanking. No communication has been received from the warships, which indicates that no further foreigners remain in the city.

STARS AND STRIPES TORN DOWN.

It is learned that the Chinese tore down the Stars and Stripes from the Consulate on Thursday last.

GOLF COURSE PLOUGHED UP.

The Nationalists have been firing between the Bund and the city wall, but the warships have not returned the fire, as the Consuls now have no hope of re-establishing the Consulates.

Systematic looting of foreign residences and buildings is continuing. Even the golf course has been ploughed up by the Nationalists.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

SHANGHAI, Thursday.

The Central Labour Union has decided to take in all the rickshaw coolies, who number more than fifty thousand. The union has also decided to make preparations for a strike against all British industries, and to boycott British merchandise, owing to the British refusal to negotiate regarding the status of the settlement.

The Cantonese Commander, General Chiang Kai-shek has reiterated his previous statement that he does not intend to use forceful measures against the foreign Settlements.

DEFENCE FORCE OF 31,000.

The following constitutes an accurate estimate, from official sources, of foreign military, marine and naval forces ashore and aboard ships at Shanghai to-day:—

British—Military: 356 officers, 11,572 men including 7,558 English and 4,114 Indians.

United States—Marines: 93 officers, 1,456 men.

French—3,500 marines and Annamites.

Dutch—206 men.

Japanese—4,000 marines.

Italians, Spanish and Portuguese combined—500.

American sailors—1,200.

British sailors—1,200.

In addition, there are overseas forces—native police, 2,000 volunteers and 2,500 Sikhs and native police.

Three American cruisers are expected to arrive shortly, and they are carrying 500 men, and an American aviation unit is expected shortly.

The total foreign force available for the defence of the international and French Settlements amounts to 31,000.

WILL GIVE SATISFACTION.

"If the Nationalist troops were responsible for the anti-Christian attack on missions and missionaries at Nanking I am willing to assume full responsibility, and will guarantee full satisfaction will be given, even to the extent of punishment of those guilty, and the payment of indemnities to those killed and injured and property destroyed." General Chiang Kai-shek, chief Commander of the Nationalist forces, made this remark in an interview with British and American journalists this afternoon.

Chiang then explained that he had appointed a Commission to make a thorough investigation, and hoped shortly to receive a report.

Referring to the British and American bombardment, General Chiang stated that the Nationalists considered the action a great indignity, since the foreign officials had not notified the Chinese that their nationals were in danger, and, further, the naval commanders failed to notify the civilians to evacuate the area prior to the firing.

When questioned regarding the number of Chinese killed, the General claimed that an official report was not available, but he though that six were killed and about a dozen wounded, with a larger number of casualties amongst the soldiers.

Turning to the Shanghai situation, General Chiang stated:—"You foreigners on the spot ought to know the old policy of warships and force of the past century no longer serves a useful purpose, and will not meet the present situation. Every additional warship and soldier sent to China for the protection of foreigners does not produce the desired effect, and really does the nation sending them more harm than good."

Chiang stated that he had not received instructions from Hankow respecting the Nationalists' policy towards the Settlements, and he was only expressing his personal sentiments.

NORTH TIPPERARY ROADS.

The Local Government Department has notified the North Tipperary County Council that £6,422 has been placed to its credit for surface dressing on their main roads.

THRIFT IN NENAGH.

The Nenagh Thrift Bank, established some years ago by the Rev. P. O'Halloran, C.C., Nenagh, is making steady progress, some thousands of pounds being now deposited in it.

MILK CONTRACTOR FINED.

At Clonmel District Court a milk contractor to the Clonmel Asylum was fined £3 10s., and costs, for supplying milk deficient in fats

U.S. MARKETS

STRONG CLOSING OF STOCKS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

On to-day's Stock market the selling of Oils, Motors and some Specialities caused initial unsettlement, but a persistent demand for Rails, and the revival of activities, together with the strength of U.S. Steel Common, brought a rally early in the afternoon. Active purchasing of high-priced Rails and Industrials was construed as an indication that a part of the half-billion dollars of April 1st dividend interest payments would be utilised for investment in high-grade issues. A few Oils showed firmness, including Houston Oil, Atlantic Refining, and Lago Oil. The rise in the latter being due to the inauguration of quarterly dividends of 75 cents. Radio Corporation declined on denials of the merger rumour. A number of issues advanced buoyantly in the last hour, when strong buying appeared in various sections and caused hasty covering. The market closed strong. Government Bonds steady; Railroad Bonds firm. The day's sales totalled 2,300,000 shares.

Money on call closed firm at 4½ per cent. bid and 4¾ per cent. asked. All business was done at 4½ per cent. Sterling exchange irregular. Silver 1c. lower at 55⅝c.

	Thur.	Wed.
Call Money	4½ b. 4¾ a	4½ b. 4¾ a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.81⅛	4.81⅛
Do do. Demand Bills.	4.85⅛	4.85¼
Cable Transfers	4.85⅛	4.85⅛
Do. Montreal	4.85⅝	4.85⅝
Exchange Paris cable	3.91⅝	3.91⅝

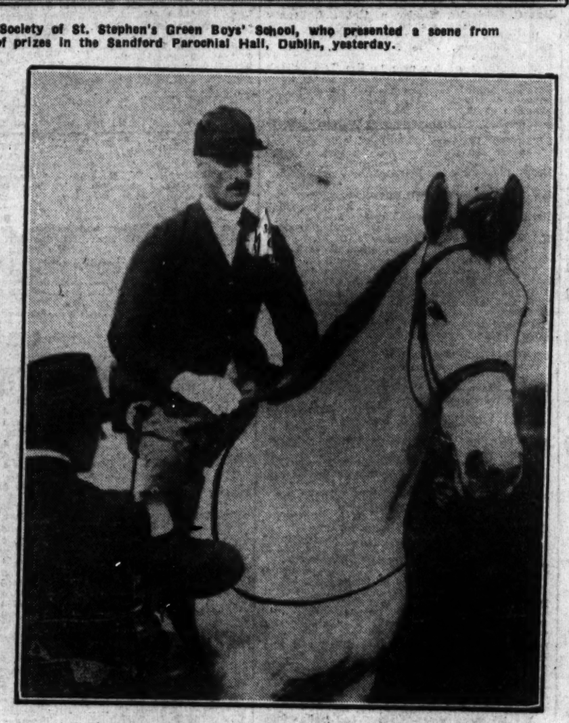
Eng. Parity.	STOCKS.	Thur	Wed
—	U.S. Funded	—	—
183¼	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	178	177⅞
100⅜	Do. Pref.	100¼	100⅛
114⅝	Baltimore and Ohio	113⅜	113⅝
136⅝	Canadian Pacific	135¼	134¾
153⅛	Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul	14¾	14⅝
84⅜	Chicago and North-West	82	81⅞
50⅛	Erie Shares	49	47½
59⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	57⅜	58
129⅞	Illinois Central	125¼	125⅜
127⅝	Louisville and Nashville	134	133¼
47⅛	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas	41¼	41⅜
87⅜	Missouri Pacific New	35¼	37
141¼	New York Cl'ral & Hudson R.	144½	145⅛
185⅞	Norfolk and West Com.	180¼	179
88¼	Northern Pacific Com.	85¾	85⅜
69¼	Pennsylvania Shares	69¼	69¼
114⅜	Reading Shares	111¼	110
41⅛	Do. Pref.	40¾	40¾
115⅛	Southern Pacific	112¾	112⅞
126⅝	Southern Railway	124½	123⅞
173⅛	Union Pacific	169	169½
83⅞	Do. Pref.	81½	81½
45⅝	American Can. (New Stock)	44¼	44¼
148	American Smelt. and Refining	143¼	143¼
47⅜	Anaconda Copper	46	46⅛
19⅜	Anglo-American Oil	18⅝	18⅞
54⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	52⅜	52⅛
24⅛	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	24	24⅛
9⅞	New York Consolidated Gas	9⅞	9⅝
85⅛	General Electric (New Stock)	86	85⅝
180⅛	General Motors (New)	180⅛	180⅛
6⅝	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	6⅝	6⅜
40⅛	Do. Pref. Certs.	39⅛	39
31⅝	International Pet. of

The Kilkenny Agricultural Society's Show and Sale of Pedigree Bulls was held yesterday. This group includes Mr. E. E. McCreery, Hon. Secretary; Mr. R. M. Murison, Mr. T. Drew, Secretary of Kilkenny County Council; Mr. M. Leahy and Mr. T. O'Hanrahan. On the right, a view of the Sale Ring.

This memorial to the men of the British Empire who fell in the war has been erected in Maimes Cathedral, Belgium.

Some of the members of the Fifth Form Dramatic Society of St. Stephen's Green Boys' School, who presented a scene from "Julius Cæsar" at the distribution of prizes in the Sandford Parochial Hall, Dublin, yesterday.

The Grand Central Hotel, Belfast, was opened yesterday by Viscount Craigavon. At the top table (left to right)—Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, Sir Dawson Bates, Lord Craigavon, Mr. Grant, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, the Right Hon. H. O'Neill, the Right Hon. E. M. Archdale, the Right Hon. J. Milne Barbour, Sir Robert Baird, the Right Hon. S. Cunningham and the Right Hon. T. Moles.



Mr. F. H. Lambert, who rode Mr. J. S. Boyde's Wisdom in the second race at the Wexford Foxhounds' Point-to-Point Meeting, near Enniscorthy.

At the Wexford Foxhounds' Point-to-Point Races. Left to right—Mrs. Leslie Parke, Captain P. J. Roche, Mr. J. S. Boyde, Major M. L. Lakin, D.S.O., M.F.H.; Mr. T. A. Colfer, Hon. Secretary to the Hunt; Sir Ernest Goff and Miss Goff.

AN IRISH XI. FOR THE UNITED STATES.—Mr. Timothy O'Connor, of Dublin, with his wife and nine children, photographed in London before emigrating to America. They are believed to be the largest family to emigrate as a single party.

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BROADCASTING

TO-DAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0—Weather Forecast, Gramophone Records. 3.30—Uair i dTir na nOg: Songs, Kathleen Roddy; Stories, Christine Hayden and Mary Sheridan. 7.0-7.25—Gramophone Records. 7.30—Reading, "With Essex in Ireland," Criostoira Ni Dhalaigh. 7.45—Health Talk, Mrs. Russell, M.B. 8.0—Talk on Welsh Music, W. S. Gwynn Williams. 8.30—Welsh Concert: D. Jordan Williams (tenor), "Golomen Wen" (R. S. Hughes); "Y Bwythyn Bach Anwyl" (R. C. Evans); Ceinwen Rowlands (soprano), "Y Tylwyth Teg," "Clychau Cantre'r Gwaelod" (Gwynn Williams); "Meddy hau Plentyn" (Merlin Morgan); Robert Davies (baritone), "Y Dymestl" (R. S. Hughes); D. Jordan Williams (tenor), "Y Bwythyn Bach to Gwelit," "Biodwen" (J. Parry); Ceinwen Rowlands (soprano), "Suo-Gan" (Welsh Folk Songs); "Blodau'r Cwm" (arr. Gwynn Williams); "Hwl I'r Galon"; Robert Davies (baritone), "Farwel Mari" (Welsh Folk Songs); "Gwyw Fach" (arr. Lloyd Williams); Ceinwen Rowlands (soprano), "Bywyd y Bugail," "Ding Dong" (E. T. Davies); "Lwli Hwi"; Robert Davies (baritone), "Y Bachgen Dewr" (J. Parry); D. Jordan Williams (tenor), "Yn Mhont-y-pridd" (Welsh Folk Songs); "Y Gwydd" (arr. Gwynn Williams), Can yr Allfed." 9.30—Station Orchestra. 9.45—Ruby M. Dixon (contralto); "The Castle of Dromore" (Somervell), "Yonder" (Oliver), "Recompense" (Sanderson), "Thoughts have Wing" (Lehmann), "Ships of my Dreams (Stevenson). 10.0—Pay Sargeut and Joan Burke, Musical Sketch, "Emerald Gems": "My Singing Bird," "Antrim Glen Song" (arr. C. Milligan), "Aillilu na Gamhua" (trad.), "Tis pretty to be in Ballinderry" (trad.), "Husho mo Lanna" (M. Palmer), "Nationality," "Lullaby," "The Alarm" (Stanford). 10.30—Weather Forecast and close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres.

11.0-1.0—Concert from Daventry. 3.0—Broadcast to Schools. 3.30—Claude De Ville, Pianoforte Recital Series. 3.45—London Programme. 4.45—Gramophone Records. 5.0—Miss Beatrice Leslie, "Literary Studies." 5.15—Children. 6.0—London Programme. 6.30—From London. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—From London. 10.0—"Il Trovatore" (Act IV.), relayed from Liverpool. 10.30-11.0—From London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Music. 3.15—Reading, "Emma" (Jane Austen). 3.20—M. Stephan, "Elementary French." 3.45—Concert for School Children: Dorothy D'Orsay (contralto), Frederick Woodhouse (baritone), Harold Fairhurst (violin); Programme of Old English Music and Miscellaneous Items. 4.45—Phyllis Nash and Dorothy Dudley, violin and piano recital. 5.0—Miss Naomi Royde-Smith: Report on Competition No. III. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Orchestra. 6.30—Time, Weather, and News. 6.45—Orchestra. 7.0—Mr. Percy Scholes, the B.B.C. Music Critic. 7.15—The Sonatas of Mozart. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—Variety: Norman Long (entertainer), Marjorie Fulton (soubrette), Wish Wynne (comedienne), Leslie Weston (entertainer). 9.0—Time, Weather, and News. 9.10—Debate between Miss Rose Macaulay and Mr. L. Du Garde Peach (L. du G. of *Punch*) on the question "Is Chivalry Dead?" In the chair Colonel the Right Hon. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P. (relayed from the Faculty of Arts Gallery). 9.55—"Il Trovatore" (Act IV., Scenes 1 and 2, performed by the British National Opera Company (relayed from Liverpool). 10.35 app.-11.0—Dance Music by Alfredo and his Band and Hal Swain and his New Princes Orchestra.

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,800 Metres.

10.30 a.m.—Time and Weather. 11.0-12.30—Time; the Daventry Quartet and Dorothy Stobart (soprano), Clemence Bradley (baritone), David Buchan (pianoforte). 12.30—Organ Recital by Leonard H. Warner (relayed from St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate). 1.0—From London. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—From London. 9.55—"Il Trovatore" (Act IV.), relayed from Liverpool. 10.10—Shipping Forecast. 10.17—"Il Trovatore" (Act IV., Scene 2). 10.35—From London. 11.0—Same as London. 12.0-1.30—Dance Music by Kettner's Five.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—326.1 Metres.

4.45—Janet Joye: "April Fooling." 5.0—London Programme. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Wind Quintet. 6.30—From London. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—From London. 9.55-11.0—Same as London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—491.8 Metres.

4.45—Miss M. E. M. Hunt: Short Story, "Jane and Jonathan." 5.0—London Programme. 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—Concert by the Bognor Philharmonic Society. 8.45—A Recital of Bergerettes by Juliet Sladden (soprano). 9.0—From London. 9.55-11.0—Same as London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.

1.15-2.0—Pianoforte Trio. 3.25—Broadcast to Schools. 3.45—Jessie Day (contralto). 4.0—Station Quartet. 5.0—London Programme. 5.15—Children. 6.0—The Majestic "Celebrity" Orchestra. 6.30—From London. 6.45—Orchestra. 7.0—From London. 7.25—Prof. H. B. Charlton: "Poetry and the Plain Man."—IV. 7.45—From London. 9.55—Same as London. 11.0-11.30—Dance Music by Shorrock's Syncopated Orchestra.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres.

11.30-12.10—Christiana Ridley (soprano). 12.10-12.30—Gramophone Records. 3.0—Broadcast to Schools. 5.0—London Programme. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Elsie Downing (soprano), Ralph Elliott (pianoforte). 6.30—From London. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—From London. 10.0-11.0—Same as London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres.

3.15-3.45—Broadcast to Schools: Professor E. T. Campagnac, "Praise of England in Poetry and Prose."—III. 4.0—Kathleen Burgess (soprano). 4.15—Pianoforte Quartet. 5.0—Mr. Charles W. Rudden, "Foolish Festivals." 5.15—Children. 6.0—Pianoforte Quartet. 6.30—From London. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—From London. 10.0—Song Recital by Bella Redford (mezzo-soprano). 10.35-11.0—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Gramophone Records. 3.0—Dance Band. 3.20—Broadcast to Schools. 3.55—"The Jackdaw of Rheims." 5.0—Cookery Talk. 5.15—Children. 5.58—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 6.0—Music. 6.15—From Dundee. 6.30—From London. 7.25—From Manchester. 7.45—From London. 10.0—"Il Trovatore" (Act IV.), relayed from Liverpool. 10.30-11.0—Dance Music.

THE ELECTRICITY BILL.

ACTION OF DUBLIN WORKERS' COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Dublin Workers' Council, held at 44 Lower Gardiner street, Dublin, it was decided to convene a special meeting of the Council to discuss the Electricity Bill. The Secretary (Mr. T. Irwin) stated that he had received a deputation from the Irish Engineering Union. The deputation wanted to know what line of action was being taken by the Labour members in the Dail to safeguard the interests of men engaged in electricity undertakings in the country who might be displaced as the result of the passing of the bill.

Mr. R. Tynan intimated that amendments, with a view to safeguarding these workers, had been framed.

Mr. Lawlor stated that the value of the electricity undertakings to the citizens of Dublin was £1,300,000. The suggested Board was going to take over that undertaking for £400,000. With regard to the dismissal of 150 men, Commissioners O'Dwyer and Heron would not go on with any work unless sanctioned by the Ministry, and as a result of the Ministry's action in refusing to grant the money 150 men were idle at the moment.

Senator Farren stated that the Shannon scheme was to be the sole distributor of electricity, to be brought along the cables and supplied in bulk to towns, districts, and factories at a rate of between ¾d. and 1d. per unit. The Corporation could not manufacture electricity at that rate.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. R. Tynan, seconded by Mr. G. Spain, and supported by the Irish Engineering Union:—Passed: "That this Council protests against the action of the Ministry for Local Government in refusing the sanction of money for carrying on the work, and thereby causing the dismissal of 150 men in electrical undertakings."

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

AN AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY.

TWO FAVOURITES GET HOME.

RHYOLITE'S EASY WIN.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

LEICESTER, Thursday Night.

The racing here this afternoon introduced us to a new jockey, one W. J. Sibbritt, who rode Quick Return, the winner of the Wigston Handicap, by three lengths from the odds-on chance, Bohemia. Sibbritt comes from Australia, a country apparently engaged in the mass production of jockeys, judging by the numbers of them that come here year by year. Few of them last long, Frank Bullock and Carslake being the outstanding exceptions.

Sibbritt, who has ridden hundreds of winners in his own country, shaped quite well, but at the present moment jockeys are so plentiful that there is hardly enough riding to go round. I know one jockey quite in the first class who has only had four rides since the season began.

Beary is the successful jockey of the season so far as it has gone, and the combination of him and Walter Griggs' two-year-olds was again notable. They started off this afternoon in the Glen Selling Plate, with Gay Girl filly, but in a tremendous finish this one was beaten the shortest of short-heads by Chubb Leach on Royal Car.

A FAVOURITE GOES DOWN.

Success, however, came later in the Worksop Plate, when the Warwick winner, Froth Blower, was much too good for the Charlieboy colt. This one had been so highly tried that money was lavished on him, and odds were at one time asked for, though he returned to evens. He made the running until about a furlong and a half from home, when Froth Blower swooped down on him and beat him by three-parts of a length.

The race for the Leicestershire Handicap was a procession. Rhyolite started off with Bright Land, second, and they ran and finished in this order, the former winning by three lengths. The favourite, Urgent, was the same distance away, third, and never could get in a blow at the two leaders.

Little Field one of Wootton's youngest apprentices, won the Apprentices' Stakes very easily on the infirm Ladabens, who was well suited by the soft going. He was the second winner of the day that came from the Shrewton stable, for Donoghue had previously won a selling plate on Palestro. These were the only two successful favourites of the afternoon.

We come to-morrow to what promises to be high-class racing at Newbury, where a few of the leading three-year-olds will be out. Damon, I believe, is not to run for the Greenham Plate, Mr. Persse relying instead on Fourth Hand, who, if he is none the worse for the severe races he had last season, should be thereabouts at the finish.

A POSSIBLE DERBY WINNER.

Birthright is also to run, and great interest will be taken in this colt, who was sold by Mrs. Whitburn as a rogue last season, and is now thought by his present trainer to be a likely winner of the Derby. It is possible that he is still a little backward, and may not be at his best yet.

Buckfast, who beat Sickle at Liverpool, has arrived, and he may do well, for the race last week will have brought him on a good deal. Prestissimo, a grey by Caligula, is a colt I liked last season, who is reported to have done well. Vanoc, a big Hurry On colt, bred at Glencairn by Mrs. Croker, will be making a first appearance. The best of them may be FOURTH HAND.

Bold Archer is to run for the Berkshire Handicap, in which he carries top weight. Much is expected of this son of Phalaris, whom Donoghue rides, but he also may be backward. Naysan, I believe, is a little fancied, but the best may be RESIDUE, who ran well and was unlucky when beaten at Lincoln. There will be the usual huge field for the Beckhampton Plate, and the best reports are to hand concerning Mr. S. B. Joel's candidate, MELLIN.

At Catterick Bridge I like the chances of GORBIO in the New Stand Handicap, and of ROTHERHILL in the Zetland Plate.

Galtee More.

FORM HORSES.

NEWBURY.

2. 0—Austin.
2.30—Duration II.
3.10—Fourth Hand.
3.45—Dusky Brave.
4.15—Bold Archer (nap).
4.45—Mellin.

CATTERICK.

1.30—Rotherhill.
2. 0—Fulfil.
2.30—Obvious.
3. 0—Twinkler.
3.30—Rippling Beck.
4. 0—Vaille Que Vaille.

Eclipse.

CONCLUDING DAY AT LEICESTER.

FROTH BLOWER WINS AGAIN.

2.0—GLEN SELLING PLATE of 200 sovs. Two-year-olds. 5 f.

Mr. H. R. King's b. f. ROYAL CAR, by Mount Royal—Carlings. 8-11 ..... H. Leach 1
Major R. Ratliffe's GAY GIRL F., 8-11 M. Beary 2
Mrs. E. M. Tabor's MY MARK, 8-11 S. Donoghue 3
Also ran—Maybole c. (A. Burns), King of Spades (R. Jones), Torjail (F. Lane), Bachelorstown (J. Taylor), Blair Roi (F Fox), Louisa Dale f. (R. Perryman), Netta (C. Elliott). Off 2.1. (Winner trained by Leach, jun.)

Betting—11 to 4 agst. Bachelorstown, 4 to 1 Torjail, 9 to 2 Gay Girl f., 6 to 1 each Louisa Dale f. and My Mark, 7 to 1 Maybole c., 100 to 8 ROYAL CAR or any other.

Won by a short head; two lengths. Bachelorstown was fourth and Netta last.

The winner was bought in for 200 gns.

2.30—SYSTON SELLING PLATE (Handicap) of 200 sovs. 1¼ m.

Sir F. Eley's b. c. PALESTRO, by Admirable Crichton—Fongorita. 4. 8-8 S. Donoghue 1
Mr. E. H. Gregory's MID KENT, 3, 7-9 P. Donoghue 2
Mrs. F. M. Bullock's TINANZA, 5, 7-11 F. Lane 3
Also ran—King's Parade (J. Brennan), Signaller (J. Dines), Lemson (J. Sirett), Tommy Long (F. Serby), Polly Rob (T. Rimell). "Dead-heat for second place. Off 2.51. (Winner trained by F. Scott.)

Betting—5 to 4 on PALESTRO, 4 to 1 agst. King's Parade, 6 to 1 Lemson, 10 to 1 Signaller, 100 to 7 Tinanza, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by two lengths; a dead-heat. Polly Rob was fourth and Signaller last.

The winner was bought in for 400 gns.

3.0—LEICESTERSHIRE HANDICAP. A plate of 500 sovs. 1 m.

Mrs. H. F. Beddington's ch. g. RHYOLITE, by Rock Flint—Barina. 5, 7-3 ..... A. Burns 1
Mr. H. Morris's BRIGHT LAND, 6, 7-10 F. Fox 2
Mr. A. Bassett's URGENT, 4, 7-6 ..... J. Sirett 3
Lieut.-Col. C. Birkin's First Edition II., 5, 7-13 R. Perryman 0
Mr. S. Wootton's Adage, 4, 7-12 ..... J. Marshall 0
Sir H. Fitzherbert's Chase Me Charlie, 5, 7-9 T. Weston 0
Lord Astor's Plimsol, 4, 7-7 ..... T. Pryor 0
Sir S. Birkin's Siberien, 4, 7-1 ..... J. Dines 0
Mr. J. C. Syke's Winker, 5, 6-12 ..... W. Alford 0
Mr. E. H. Gregory's Fleeting Friar, 5, 6-7 A. Berry 0

Off 3.2. (Winner trained by F. Hartigan.)

Betting—3 to 1 agst. Urgent, 5 to 1 Bright Land, 6 to 1 Siberien, 7 to 1 First Edition II., 8 to 1 RHYOLITE, 10 to 1 each Winker and Chase Me Charlie, 100 to 9 any other.

Siberien swerved on the start and Winker dwelt. The running was made by Rhyolite from Bright Land, Chase Me Charlie and First Edition II., with Plimsol and Urgent most prominent of the remainder. Rhyolite and Bright Land maintained their positions throughout, the former making every yard of the running and winning easily by three lengths; the same distance separated second and third. First Edition II. was fourth, Winker fifth, Adage sixth, Chase Me Charlie seventh, Fleeting Friar eighth, and Plimsol last.

3.30—WORKSOP PLATE of 150 sovs. Two-year-olds. 5 f.

Mr. Wal. Griggs's b. c. FROTH BLOWER, by Hitherto—Maid of Park. 9-5 ..... M. Beary 1
Mr. B. B. Jones's CHARLEBELLE COLT, 8-12 Childs 2
Capt. Bewicke's ORPHEAN, 8-12 ..... Calder 3
Also ran—Pride of Kilcash (J. Marshall), Abbess of Naples (H. Beasley), Rock Forrard (J. Collins), Dholla (J. Caldwell), Hale Shaw filly (R. Perryman), Quilla Kay (F. Fox), Mona Lomond (R. Perryman), Admirable (C. Ray). Off 3.35. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—Evens Charlebelle colt, 4 to 1 agst. FROTH BLOWER, 5 to 1 Orphean, 10 to 1 Admirable, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by three-parts of a length; four lengths. Hale Shaw filly was fourth, and Rock Forrard last.

4.0—WIGSTON PLATE. (Handicap) of 200 sovs. Three-year-olds. 5 f.

Mrs. J. Bancroft's br. g. QUICK RETURN, by Mountaineer—Scooter. 7-8 ..... Sibbrit 1
Mr. J. White's BOHEMIA, 8-2 ..... J. Dines 2
Lord Barnby's ROYAL SALUTE, 8-9 J. Taylor 3
Also ran—Ali's Blue (C. Elliott), Tetrace (R. Beasley), Cs y Est (R. Perryman), Vittore (F. Fox), Melanite (T. Weston), Social Evening (H. Leach), Shoestring (J. Evans), Tess (T. Pryor), Jupiter (C. Timmins), Polymelia (G. Walsh), Serpehenalia (E. Forsyth), Lonesome (S. Donoghue), Chinese Honeymoon (G. Baines), Russian Gold (W. Alford), Movilla (P. Donoghue), Wembley Tattoo (J. O'Neale), Leicester Lass (P. Smirke), Barbur (A. Berry), Lady K. (F. Field), Taffy Wood (S. Wragg), Darbor (A. Burns), Lyra (J. Sirett), Gemma (W. McGarry), Fourfooted (L. Read). Off 4.2. (Winner trained by Easterbee.)

Betting—5 to 4 on Bohemia, 7 to 1 agst. Edouard, 100 to 6 QUICK RETURN, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by three lengths; a short head. Movilla was fourth and Vittore last.

4.30—APPRENTICES' SWEEPSTAKES of 3 sovs. each, with 100 sovs. added. 1 m. 3 f.

H.H. Maharaja of Rajpipla's ch. h. LABADENS, by Holbein—Last Sight. 6. 7-8 ..... F. Field 1
Lt.-Col. C. Birkin's TONTON, 8, 7-7 ..... Wright 2
Mr. W. M. G. Singer's LIGHTNING ARTIST. 4, 6-10 ..... F. Payne 3
Also ran—Dark Fox (H. Richards), Nydia (W. McGarry), Footer (W. Peri), Thalassa (W. Stephenson). Off 4.30. (Winner trained by F. Scott.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. LABADENS, 9 to 2 Footer, 5 to 1 each Tonton and Thalassa, 10 to 1 Dark Fox, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by four lengths; a head. Thalassa was fourth and Dark Fox last.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette :—Best Thing of the Day—Fourth Hand. Best Double—Fourth Hand and Residue.

Daily Express :—Double—Fourth Hand and Bold Archer. Safety Bet—Bold Archer (to win).

Daily Mirror :—Double—Rotherhill and Herbalist (nap).

Daily Sketch :—Double—Fourth Hand and Residue.

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CO. DOWN HUNTS.

PROMISING STEEPLE-CHASERS SCORE.

BOINNE WINS AGAIN.

The County Down Hunts Meeting usually brings under notice some young steeplechasers destined to later make a name for themselves at the cross-country sport. Two such ran at the meeting which concluded yesterday, and the future careers of Boinne and Monaco will be interesting to follow. As on the previous day, the going was in a holding state, and the course was a severe test for steeplechasers; but the two horses named, making light of the difficulties, won their respective races in fine style. Heavy rain came on soon after racing was resumed, and, continuing throughout the afternoon, made matters very disagreeable, while the racing also was not of the same enjoyable character as on the previous day.

Boinne, the property of Mr. E. Delany, one of the thick and thin adherents of the sport, made a favourable impression by the manner in which he won his race on Wednesday, and enhanced his reputation yesterday, when, in the Iveagh Plate, he treated the opposition, which included Fiddleback, with the same scant courtesy as he had done with Clifton Lass and others the previous day. Monaco, a five-year-old, who had run in hurdle races when the property of Mr. H. M'Alinden, unexpectedly turned out to oppose Rustler II. and Lucy Mor for the County Down Hunts Cup, a race which at one time looked like being a walk-over for one of Mr. Willis's horses. Jumping the fences in flippant style, Monaco led the field from start to finish, and won as he liked from Rustler II.

Kilmakee, who had come to grief in the race won by Tangmalangaloo on Wednesday, had very moderate opposition for the Ulster Plate, and after indulging Green Hill with the lead for a mile and a half Captain Charley's mare drew away to win by as many lengths as her rider cared to allow her. Green Hill came to grief, but was beaten at the time, and the only danger to Kilmakee was a possible fall. She was, in fact, as near as possible to falling on the flat coming down the hill to the two last fences, but her jockey, J. McCarthy, pulled her together well and avoided a slip up.

Templescobey, a horse with a remarkable history, in which Downpatrick races form a part, and Oliver's Mint disputed favouritism for the Lecale Plate, and Der Tag was also considered a serious contender for the spoils. As the betting presaged, it was a near thing between the three, and as they jumped the last fence Der Tag seemed to have the pull over the other two. Oliver's Mint at this stage was third, but Mr. J. W. Cleary had been nursing his mount for a final effort, and when the other two had worn themselves out in a duel for the lead Oliver's Mint ran them out of it in the long climb to the winning post. Ballyfinaghy, having no opposition for the Ballydugan Plate, was indulged with a walk-over, and the day's programme was consequently reduced to one of four races. Details:—

1.20—THE ULSTER PLATE of 50 sovs., of which the second receives 5 sovs. A steeplechase. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 5 f.

Capt. A. D. Pierce's ch. g. KILMAKEE, by Moorside II.—Gem o' Meath. a, 12-0 J. McCarthy 1
Mr. C. D. Wilson's ALICE FITZ, 5, 11-5 ..... Morris 2
Mr. W. O. Bourke's YBRO LIGHT, 5, 12-0 Mr. J. W. Cleary 3
Mr. W. Hassard's Green Hill, 6, 11-2 J. Lynn 0
Also ran—(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—3 to 1 on KILMAKEE, 5 to 1 agst. Ybro Light, 10 to 1 each Alice Fitz and Green Hill.

Green Hill led from Kilmakee, Alice Fitz, and Ybro Light, until a mile from home, when the leader fell. Kilmakee then drew away, and making the remainder of the running won by twenty lengths; thirty lengths divided second and third.

2.0—THE LEGALE PLATE of 70 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A steeplechase. Weight for age, etc. 2 m.

Mr. T. O'Rourke's br. f. OLIVER'S MINT, by Sorig of Mint, dam by Oliver Goldsmith—Bonnie Kate. 5, 11-5 ..... W. Cleary 1
Mr. E. Delany's DER TAG, a. 10-0 M. Binnes 2
Major H. C. Robinson's TEMPLESCOBY, a, 12-1 Mr. J. Walker 3
Mrs. O. Cole's Mr. Wrigley, a, 10-3 J. Lynn 0
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—6 to 4 each agst. OLIVER'S MINT and Templescoby, 7 to 2 Der Tag, 20 to 1 Mr. Wrigley.

Templescoby set the pace to Der Tag, Oliver's Mint, and Mr. Wrigley to the last fence, where Der Tag headed Templescoby, and the pair were joined by Oliver's Mint. The last-named took command as they raced up the hill, and won by four lengths; ten lengths divided second and third.

2.30—THE IVEAGH PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. Weight for age. 2 m.

Mr. E. Delany's ch. g. BOINNE, by Aquascutum—German, a. 12-10 ..... M. Hines 1
Mr. James Burns's FIDDLEBACK, a, 12-13 Joseph Dowdall 2
Mr. R. G. Cleary's Tangmalangaloo, 5, 12-3 Mr. W. S. M'Kinley's Fair Sheila, 5, 11-5 Capt. R. Hanna 3
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—5 to 4 agst. BOINNE, 6 to 4 Fiddleback, 5 to 1 Tangmalangaloo, 20 to 1 Fair Sheila. Boinne settled down in front of Tangmalangaloo, Fiddleback and Fair Sheila. Tangmalangaloo fell at half-way and Fair Sheila at the second last fence, and Boinne, leading throughout, won easily by five lengths from Fiddleback.

3.0—THE BALLYDUGAN PLATE of 50 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. A steeplechase. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 5 f.

Mr. A. Willis's b. g. BALLYFINAGHY, by Marten—Brown Sugar, a, 11-9 W. Beasley w.o.
(Trained by C. Brabazon.)

3.30—THE CO. DOWN HUNTS' CUP, value 30 sovs. (presented by Major D. Dixon) and 50 sovs. added, of which the second receives 7 sovs., and the third 3 sovs. Weight for age, etc. 2¼ m

Mr. J. B. Morrison's ch. g. MONACO, by My Prince—Quadruple, 5, 11-12 Mr. J. M. Morrison 1
Mr. A. Willis's Lucy Mor, a, 12-3 T. Regan, jun. 0
Mr. R. Teggart's Tullygorter (10lb.), a, 11-12 P. Mullen 0
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—Evens MONACO, 4 to 1 agst. Rustler II., 6 to 1 Tullygorter, 10 to 1 Lucy Mor.

Tullygorter ran out at the first fence, and Monaco set the pace to Rustler II. and Lucy Mor. The last-named was pulled up half a mile from home, and Monaco, leading throughout, won in a canter by fifty lengths.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

UTTOXETER MEETING

Byrkley Steeplechase—Attempt and Italian Summer.
Bursiem Selling Steeplechase—Blue Anchor and True Knight.
Sudbury Selling Handicap Hurdle—Ligan.
Tean Handicap Hurdle—Mon.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Newbury Spring Cup—Autocrat, at 11.40 a.m. yesterday.
Welbeck Selling Plate Derby—Sunday Rambler.
Sudbury Plate, Derby—Macvinty.
Champagne Stakes, Doncaster, and Middle Park Plate, Newmarket—Rurik.
Moderate Handicap Hurdle, Bournemouth—Borealis.
Richmond Plate, Catterick—White Ensign.
Catterick engagements—Forest Broom.
Vale of Aylesbury Hunt Meeting engagements—Dickie Bush.
All engagements—Cee Spring, Souplesse, Queen of the Foam.

MEATH HUNT SPORTSMAN'S RACES,

AT HILL OF THE MULLAGH
(Between Kilcock and Batterstown Stations),
ON FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, 1927.

HEAVY-WEIGHT HUNT RACE. 1.30 p.m. Weights—14st.
THE LADIES' RACE. 2.15 p.m. Weights—10st. 7lbs. of over.
LIGHT-WEIGHT HUNT RACE. 3 p.m. Weights—12st. 7lbs.
FARMERS' RACE. 3.45 p.m. Weights—12st. 7lbs. —(Advt.)

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Will be held at GURRAUNS
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On THURSDAY, APRIL 7th, 1927.
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NEWBURY TO-DAY:

PROBABLE RUNNERS AND BETTING.

SELECTIONS.

Juvenile Selling—Austin.
Compton Plate—Midnight Folly.
Greenham Plate—Fourth Hand.
Chieveley Handicap—Pheidon.*
Berkshire Handicap—King Bird.
Beckhampton Plate—Mellin.

TO-DAY'S DOUBLE.

Pheidon (Newbury) and Rotherhill (Catterick)

2.0—JUVENILE SELLING PLATE of 200 sovs. Winner to be sold for £100. Second saves entrance. 5 f.

	st. lb
DYNASTY (Mr. James White)...O'Sullivan	9 0
ETHARIA (Mr. H. D. Bagley).....Owner	8 11
GENTLE ZEPHYR (Mr. H. B. Bletso... Owner	8 11
HIS EX. (Mr. R. Farquharson).....Owner	8 11
THE HOOK (Mr. R. G. Heaton)...Private	8 11
MAYBOLE G. b. Sunbright (Mr. C. E. Howard) ..... Morris	8 11
ZIPPORAH F. by Baydrop (Mr. G. Read) Owner	8 11
LEGALITY (Mr. James White) O'Sullivan	8 11
INCONSTANCY (Mrs. J. Bancroft) Easterbee	8 9
EAGLE'S REALM (Mr D. M. Gant) L. Hammond	8 8
BLINK GIRL C. by Simon Square (Mr. V. Miss V. Smyth	8 9
SWEET PEPPER C. by Westward Ho (Sir Samuel Scott) ..... F. Darling	8 9
SEA-GIRT F. by Sir Berkeley (Mrs. N. Brownlee) ..... Butchers	8 6
SMYRNA G. by Bay d'Or (Sir. William Cooke) ..... Platt	8 6
MORNING SUNSHINE G. by Spearwort (Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen) ..... O. Bell	8 6
KILCULLEN V. b by Black Gauntlet (Mr. N. G. Deacon) ..... Wilmot	8 6
AUSTIN (Vicomte de Fontarce) R. Dawson	8 6
PRECISION (Mr. E. Gwilt) ..... Owner	8 6
RED PAINT (Mr. E. Gwilt) ..... Owner	8 6
DALEMAN (Mr. F. Hartigan) ..... Owner	8 6
ELLEN DOUGLAS (Mr. W. A. Read) Foster	8 6
GRETA FIELD (Mr. James Rhoden) Owner	8 6
WHIZZER (Mr. James de Rothschild) Pratt	8 6
MABIE JEANNE F. by Trespasser (Mrs. C. Steven) ..... C. Stevens	8 6
AUDITOR (Mr. C. V. Tabor) ..... Owner	8 6
LADY BURSTWICK F. by Junior (Mr. E. Thornton-Smith) ..... Templeman	8 6

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
DYNASTY ..... C. Ray	10/1
0 ETHARIA (Mr. H. D. Bagley) ..... Thwaites	10/1
HIS EXCELLENCY ..... Dines	100/8
ZIPPORAH FILLY ..... L. Read	100/8
0 INCONSISTENCY ..... F. Beasley	7/1
EAGLE'S REALM ..... H. Wragg	10/1
0 BLINK GIRL COLT ..... R. Jones	10/1
SWEET PEPPER COLT...H. Beasley	7/1
0 SEA GIRT FILLY ..... L. Butchers	100/8
SMYRNA GIRLING ..... Beary	100/8
MORNING SUNSHINE ..... L. Brown	100/8
2 AUSTIN ..... Carslake	5/2
3 PRECISION ..... Lane	7/1
RED PAINT ..... Sayers	6/1
DALEMAN ..... F. Fox	7/1
GRETA FIELD ..... J. Childs	8/1
WHIZZER ..... Bezant	10/1
MABIE JEANNE FILLY ..... A. Berry	100/8
AUDITOR ..... R. Dicks	5/1
LADY BURSTWICK FILLY ..... Elliott	8/1

2.30—COMPTON SELLING HANDICAP, a plate of 250 sovs. Second saves entrance. Winner to be sold for £100. 2 m. 1 f.

	Age st. lb.
DURATION II. (Mr. A. Falcon) Rintoul	5 9 0
HUSH (Mr. J. Scott) ..... Owner	5 8 9
PECCADILLO (Mr. J. Hoboken) ...Knel	6 8 7
VAUDRICOURT (Mr. C. Green) ..... C. Piggott	a 8 6
SHIMMERING (Mr T. G. Bardwell) ..... C. Leader	5 8 4
SEEKER (Mrs. Nellie Roberts) Roberts	6 8 4
JANIRA (Capt. W. Holland) ...Rayson	5 8 2
MIDNIGHT FOLLY (Mr. H. Smyth) ..... L. Hammond	5 8
DESKRIE (Mr. F. Morley) M. Hartigan	4 8 1
PATSY (Mr. P. Quinlan) ..... Killalee	a 8 0
POULLY (Mr. A. Law) ..... Owner	a 7 13
WHARFEROON (Mr. Brock) G. Bennett	6 7 13
MALTOI (Miss H. Rodocannachi) Powell	6 7 13
CONCESSION (Mr. J. Harvie) Gilbert	5 7 10
SNOWCLOUD (Mr. D. M. Gant) ..... L. Hammond	5 7 9
PHŒNIX (Mr. R. C. Dawson) ..... Owner	a 7 9
LENTLOVER (Mr. P. McKay) Coldbeck	4 7 9
STILLA (Mr. W. H. Allden) .....Allden	4 7 2
THERGRANON (Mr. Burry) Rayson	6 6 13
STAR ACTRESS (Mr. D. Sibley) Private	3 6 13

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
1014 DURATION II. ..... Carslake	5/1
30C PECCADILLO ..... Smirke	8/1
004 VAUDRICOURT ..... C. Ray	8/1
204 SHIMMERING ..... C. Childs	7/2
400 JANIRA ..... Collins	10/1
400 MIDNIGHT FOLLY ..... T. Leader	10/1
032 DESKRIE ..... A. Burns	6/1
PATSY ..... Dines	7/1
0 MALTOI ..... P. Donoghue	100/8
300 CONCESSION ..... Graves	10/1
004 SNOWCLOUD ..... Serby	8/1
200 PHŒNIX ..... F. Fox	4/1
004 LENTLOVER ..... Pryor	100/8
204 STILLA ..... S. Maison	100/8

3.10—GREENHAM PLATE of 1,000 sovs. For three-year-olds. Second receives 100 sovs. and third 50 sovs. 1 m— st. lb.

	st. lb.
FOURTH HAND (Maj. McCalmont) Persse	9 4
DAMON (Mr. T. F. Ryan) ..... Persse	9 4
PRESSTISSIMO (Sir V. Sassoon) Crawford	9 4
BIRTHRIGHT (Sir M. McAlpine) J. M. Bell	9 4
STRAWBERRY ROAN (Mr. J. B. Walker) Persse	8 13
GOLDEN WILLOW (Mr. H. C. Sutton) ..... T. Waugh	8 12
CASINO (Mr. J. B. Joel) ..... C. Peck	8 10
CLASH (Sir Charles Hyde) ..... Scobie	8 8
DINGAAN'S DAY (Sir A. Bailey) ..... R. Day	8 5
CROWN EMBLEM (Sir G. Bullough) ..... J. Jarvis	8 5
BUCKFAST (Mr R. D. Cohen) ..... R. Day	8 5
GRANDISSON (Lord Glanely) .....Archer	8 5
BLANCHAILLES (H.H. the Aga Khan) ..... R. Dawson	8 5
HAFIZ (Sir Charles Hyde) ..... Scobie	8 5
MYRMIDON (Lord Rosebery) ..... J. Jarvis	8 5
LORD LAND (Mr. C. Saunders) Gooch	8 5
CHANTREY (Mr. W. M. Singer) A. Taylor	8 5
WANNIES (Mr. F. Straker) ..... Bewicke	8 5
VANOC (Eleanor Lady Torrington) F. Scott	8 5
MARK LANE (Lord Wimborne) ...J. Jarvis	8 5

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
113 FOURTH HAND ..... H. Beasley	3/1
320 PRESTISSIMO ..... H. Wragg	7/1
032 BIRTHRIGHT ..... Thwaites	4/1
001 BUCKFAST ..... Evans	5/1
132 STRAWATHRO ..... P. Beasley	8/1
000 GOLDEN WILLOW ..... Weston	100/8
022 CASINO ..... Carslake	6/1
BRANCHAILLES ..... Smirke	8/1
000 HAFIZ ..... F. Fox	100/8
LORDLAND ..... A. Burns	100/8
003 CHANTREY ..... Jellies	7/1
VANOC ..... S. Donoghue	10/1

3.45—CHIEVELEY HANDICAP, a plate of 500 sovs. Second receives 50 sovs. and third 20 sovs. Age st. lb.

	Age st. lb.
NOTHING VENTURE (Sir J. Buchanan Jardine) ..... Leach, sen.	4 9 3
COMPILER (Mr. L. Schaverien) Moreton	a 8 8
LORD WEMBLEY (Mr. U. Broughton) ..... O. Bell	4 8 5
GRAND GLACIER (Ld. Glanely) Archer	4 8 5
HERBALIST (Mrs. A. James) F. Butters	4 8 0
DALMAGARRY (Mr. V. T. Thompson) ..... F. Hartigan	5 7 13
QUICK STICK (Mrs. T. Carthew) ..... Wootton	4 7 12
SPRIGHTLY (Lord Rosebery) J. Jarvis	4 7 11
POLIWOG (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton	4 7 10
EDWINA (Lt. Col. C. Birkin) C. Leader	4 7 10
PHEIDON (Sir Delves Broughton) ..... Farquharson	4 7 10
SILENT GUARD (Mr. G. Hardy) Rose	5 7 5
CAP D'AIL (H.H. Aga Khan) R. Dawson	3 7 5
VANDYCK (Mr. T. F. Ryan) .....Persse	4 7 4
MATRIN (Mr. Sol Joel) ..... Earl	4 7 3
BOHEMIA (Mr. C. O'Sullivan ..... C. Elsey	6 13
COLD STEEL (Mrs. T. Carthew) Wootton	3 6 10
ARSON (Sir D. Broughton) Farquharson	4 6 7
DUSKY BRAVE (Mr. J. Bancroft) ..... Easterbee	6 6 6
ORPHIC (Mr. L. C. Kay) ..... Bailey	3 6 0

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
000 COMPILER ..... Lane	5/1
002 LORD WEMBLEY ..... H. Beasley	7/2
113 GRAND GLACIER ..... Thwaites	10/1
350 HERBALIST ..... Weston	8/1
000 DALMAGARRY ..... F. Fox	8/1
000 QUICK STICK ..... Sirett	7/1
003 POLIWOG ..... Serby	100/8
102 PHEIDON ..... Dines	10/1
000 SILENT GUARD ..... O'Neale	8/1
04 CAP D'AIL ..... A. Burns	10/1
440 VANDYCK ..... K. Robertson	100/8
000 COLD STEEL ..... Turtle	8/1
000 ARSON ..... A. Berry	100/8
432 DUSKY BRAVE ..... P. Donoghue	8/1

4.15—BERKSHIRE HANDICAP, a plate of 500 sovs. Second receives 35 sovs. and third 15 sovs. 7 f. st. lb.

	st. lb.
BOLD ARCHER (Mr. H. Shaw) ...Moreton	9 0
FLASHING STAR (Mr. D. Wilson) Wilmot	8 13
COMPOSURE (Mr. F. Butters) ..... R. Day	8 13
EURYDICE (H.H. Aga Khan) ....R. Dawson	8 1
KING BIRD (Mrs. E. A. Stanley) ...Beatty	8 1
RESIDUE (Lord Durham) ..... P. Peck	8 1
SPIRAMONDE (Maj. Walker) ....Whitaker	7 13
WHITE MAIZE (Mr. H. Lawrence) Cundell	7 13
ARETE (Lady Curzon of Kedleston) Gooch	7 13
BY-WORD (Mr. R. Day) ..... Owner	7 13
BUCKFAST (Mr. R. D. Cohen) ..... R. Day	7 13
NAYSAN (Mr. James White) ....O'Sullivan	7 11
KUSA (Mr. W. M. Singer) ..... A. Taylor	7 10
IMBROS (Lord Ellesmere) ..... Pickering	7 10
VANTAGE BELLE (Mr. D. Gant) P. Lowe	7 9
COTON (Mr. F. Gretton) ..... Moreton	7 8
GENTIL KNIGHT (Mr. H. Cottrill) Owner	7 7
HIT HARD (Mrs. Fred Hardy) ..... Hogg	7 7
MYRMIDON (Lord Rosebery) ..... J. Jarvis	7 7
HEIR APPARENT (Mrs. L. Schaverien) ..... Nugent	7 7
POLYDOX (Mr. Sol Joel) ..... Earl	7 6
FLICKER (Mr. E. C. Portman) Farquharson	7 1

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
110 BOLD ARCHER ..... S. Donoghue	9/2
130 FLASHING STAR ..... R. Dick	10/1
001 BUCKFAST ..... Evans	5/1
020 EURYDICE ..... Smirke	7/1
230 KING BIRD ..... Archibald	10/1
202 RESIDUE ..... Weston	4 1
244 WHITE MAIZE ..... Graves	100/8
000 ARETE ..... F. Fox	100/8
000 KUSA ..... Brennan	100/8
000 IMBROS ..... H. Wragg	10/1
010 COTON ..... Lane	8/1
000 GENTIL KNIGHT ..... A. Berry	10/1
040 HIT HARD ..... O'Neale	100/8
000 MYRMIDON ..... Farris	100/8
000 HER APPARENT ..... K. Robertson	10/1
004 POLYDOX ..... Dines	6/1
002 FLICKER ..... Burns	10/1

4.45—BECKHAMPTON PLATE of 200 sovs. Second receives 20 sovs., third 10 sovs. 5 f. st. lb.

BEURRE NOIR C. by Bucks Hussar (Mr. A. Abrahams) ..... Gwilt | 9 0
BUSY BEE (Mr. C. E. Bedaux)..... Gilbert | 9 0
MELLIFONT (Mr. F. H. Bowcher)..... Gwilt | 9 0
INVERSNAID C. by Star and Garter (Mr. Sigmund Cohen) ..... Tabor | 9 0
WOOLHAMPTON (Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen) ..... O. Bell | 9 0
TUCK BOX (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) Cottrill | 9 0
DEW OF JUNE C. by Tetrameter (Ld. Derby) ..... M. Hartigan | 9

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN BUSIER BUT WEAKER.

DUNLOPS LOWER.

There was more business current on 'Change yesterday, but market favourites among Industrial concerns were on sale, and, as support remains poor, it was comparatively easy to bring about lower prices. In this way Guinness Ord. Shares opened depressed, but closed firm at a slight recovery. Dublin Distillers Pref. were on sale, and gave way. Banks, Rails and Tramways were very small markets. Dunlop Rubber Ord. were supported at one time from the other side, but closed the turn lower on continued realisations on this side. Parent Trust Ord. and Pref. were dull markets most of the day, and Marconi Ord. eased a little. Great Southern Ord. at the earlier session alone changed hands in the Home Railway Market, but the Guaranteed fell sharply. Great Northern Ord. was bid for at a slight rise. British-American Tobacco Shares passed under 100s. Courtaulds and Calicos were on sale, and fetched lower prices. Coats were steady at recent reduced level. Lever Bros 8 per cent. were sellers for choice. Shell Transports were weak.

LONDON QUIET.

SOME BRIGHT SPOTS.

There was no expansion in the volume of business passing in the London Stock markets yesterday, the near approach of the carry-over exercising a restricting influence, while public interest continued small. The general tendency was irregular, but bright spots were not lacking. French Loans, Diamond shares, and South African Gold descriptions displayed strength. The firmer tendency manifest in gilt-edged securities on Wednesday was again evident, and in some directions higher values were marked. Movements in Foreign Government Stocks presented an irregular front, for, while French Loans were strong, Chinese and Peruvian Corporations were marked down in many instances, some of the declines in the former being of substantial proportions. Home Rails continued idle, and tone was dull. Among Colonial and Foreign Rails, Argentines were easier, while Cordova Central and Entre Rios were put down. Dealings commenced in United of Havana New 5 p.c. Debs., underwriters of which have been called upon to take up 58 p.c. The price was quoted at 1 discount.

Among Industrials, Tobaccos were quiet and easier in places, while Textiles were little altered. A steady tone ruled in Iron and Steels, and Rubbers also showed little change, though movements were mostly against holders. Oils were heavy, but among Mines Diamonds were strong.

STAR EMERALD MINING SYNDICATE.

The secretary of the Star Emerald Mining Syndicate states that a further parcel of rough emeralds, totalling 753 carats, has been received, and the company's experts state that the parcel includes some of the finest stones yet produced from the mine.

BANK OF IRELAND.

A General Court will be held at the Bank on Monday, 4th inst., from 11 o'clock until 1 p.m., for the election of a Governor and Deputy Governor for the year ensuing (which will be declared that evening); and the same Court will be continued by adjournment and held at the same place and during the same hours on Wednesday, 6th inst., for the election of thirteen directors, which election will be declared as soon as the scrutiny is over.

RISE IN IRISH RAILWAY STOCKS.

The prices of Irish Railway Stocks on January 3 and March 31 show the following rises:—

	Jan. 3.	Mar. 31.	Rise.
Great Northern Ord.	23½	34½	10¾
Do. Pref.	40	49½	9½
Do. Guar.	44‡*	56	11½
Do. Deb.	57‡*	65	7½
Great Southern Ord.	17½	20¼	2¾
Do. Pref.	37½	42‡*	5¼
Do. Guar.	48‡	50‡*	2¼
Do. Deb.	57‡*	62½	5¼

*Ex dividend.

£80,000 AS BONUS TO WORKPEOPLE.

At the annual meeting at Hull yesterday of Messrs. Reckitt and Sons, Ltd., a final dividend of 1s. 9d. per Ord. Share was declared, making a total dividend for the year of 4s. per share, the same as for 1925. The sum of £250,000 was placed to reserve, and £80,000 was allocated as an employés' prosperity bonus, £23,935 being carried forward. £50,000 was placed to the capital account of the pension fund, this sum being taken from revenue.

CHINESE INTEREST.

The interest due April 5 on the Chinese Government Gold Loan of 1908 for £5,000,000 will be duly paid at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in London.

TRANSVAAL MINES' SPENDINGS.

The Rand Mines Department statistics for last year show that the mining companies purchased stores to the value of £16,860,500, an increase of over £750,000 upon the amount for 1925. The value of the South African products was nearly £10,500,000. The purchases of the Transvaal mines totalled nearly £14,000,000, an increase of approximately £300,000. The mines' wages bill totals over £10,000,000 for the whites and nearly £9,000,000 for the natives. The Transvaal totals were respectively £7,735,000 and £6,500,000, an aggregate increase of nearly £250,000.

DALGETY AND CO.

The directors recommend the creation of 100,000 new Ord. shares of £20 each. The new shares will be offered in the ratio—exclusive of fractions—of one new Ord. share for every two existing Ord. shares held at the price of £5 per share in respect of capital, thus putting the new shares on a parity in this respect with the existing Ord. shares, plus a premium, which will be fixed by the Board at the time when the offer is made.

BANKS.

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Bankers to the Imperial Government in South Africa, and to the Governments of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, and Tanganyika.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £10,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £8,916,660
PAID-UP CAPITAL £2,229,165
RESERVE FUND £2,893,335
UNCALLED CAPITAL £6,687,495
£11,809,995

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SYDNEY W. LOWNDES, London Manager.

LONDON CHANGES.

Although there was very little business passing in the Gilt-edged section, a firm tone prevailed, and in some instances higher values were returned. Funding Loan advanced to 86¼ x.d., or ¼ better, while 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan at 75⅞ were ⅛ to the good. L.C.C. new scrip was unchanged at 4⅞ discount. Among Colonial Government Stocks, New South Wales 4½ p.c. 1922-27 at 100¼ were ¼ to the good, while the 5½ p.c. 1922-27 at 101¼ were also ¼ higher.

Among Foreign Government Stocks, Chinese and Peruvian Corporations were weak spots. In the former the 5 p.c. 1895 at 74 were a point down, while the 4½ p.c. 1898 lost a like amount to 53½. The 5 p.c. 1912 at 32½ x.d. were 2 points lower. Peruvian Corporations Ord. lost ¼ to 9¼, and the Pref. drooped ½ to 45¼ x.r. The Debs. were held at 103, and Brazilians and Reconstruction Loans were without change. French Loans were strong, the Fives and Fours both gaining ¼ on the day to 15 and 13 respectively.

RAILS IDLE.

Little of interest transpired in Home Rails, business remaining on an extremely quiet scale, while final quotations showed practically no change from Wednesday's values. North-Eastern 5 p.c. Pref. Ord. eased to 51, or ¼ down, but among Undergrounds the 6 p.c. Debs at 102 were a point to the good.

Colonial and Foreign Rails experienced another quiet session. Cordoba Central Ord. dropped ½ to 44, while the 2nd Pref. at 60 were a full point down on the day. Entre Rios Ord. lost ½ to 60½ x.d., but elsewhere a steady tone was maintained.

RUBBER SHARES QUIET.

Business continued on a restricted scale in the Rubber Share market, and at the close very little movement was shown in quotations. Here and there, however, a firmer tendency was evident, but on balance movements were against holders. A quiet tone ruled in the commodity market, but, while forward quotations were held, near dates eased. Spot and April were only 1s. 8d. per lb., while May and June fetched 1s. 8¾d. and 1s. 8¾d. per lb. respectively. July to September was unchanged at 1s. 8¾d. per lb., and October to December was maintained at 1s 9¾d. per lb. In the Share market Djember at 52s. 6d. were 2s. 6d. lower, while Kuala Lumpur and Tandjong each lost 1s. 3d. on the day. Highlands eased to 58s. 1¼d. and Pataling went off to 36s. 3d. c.d. Membakut, on the other hand, hardened to 24s. 4½d., or 7½d. better, while Malayalam at 4½ marked a gain of 4½d.

DROOPING PRICES IN OIL MARKET.

Conditions in the Oil Share Market yesterday was much the same as on the preceding day, business in the leaders and speculative descriptions alike being on an extremely small scale. While scarcely any demand existed, there certainly was no pronounced selling pressure, and for the most part prices drooped owing to lack of interest. Shells fluctuated within narrow limits and were finally ⅛ down, the Registered closing at 4¾ and the Bearer at 4¾, while the 7 p.c. Prefs. eased to 23¾. Royal Dutch fell ¾ to 60¾. Anglo-Americans lost ⅛ at 3½. Anglo-Persians maintained a fairly steady tone, for while they weakened at one time to 4¾, they left off steady and unchanged at 4¾. Burmahs after touching 6¼ were finally ⅛ down at 6⅞. Mexican Eagles were quiet for the greater part of the day, but in the afternoon a fairly heavy line of the shares came on the market, believed to be option stock, and the Ord. weakened 4½d. to 17s. 6d., the 8 p.c. Part Prefs. receded 6d. to 17s. 3d., but the 7 p.c. First Prefs. improved to 16s 3d. Although business in the shares was small, the absence of selling and a quiet demand, induced by the improvement shown in the latest production figures, kept V.O.C. Holdings firm, the Ord. and Prefs. improving ⅛, both to 3¾. British Controlled remained on the dull side. The Common were offered at one time at 9s., but closed without alteration at 9s. 1½d., while the Preferred, after having been 10s. 5d., closed with a loss at 10s. 10½d. In other directions, Anglo-Ecuadorians were well held, falling ⅛ to 1¼, and losses of ⅛ occurred in Lobitos at 8½ and in Anglo-Egyptian "B" at 1⅞.

INDUSTRIALS IRREGULAR.

Irregularity again characterised the Industrial market yesterday, where trading was confined to narrow limits, owing to the near approach of the carry-over. The dividend disappointment was reflected in Godfrey Phillips, which suffered a further decline, though closing above the lowest. They fell at the opening at 4½, but steadied later, finishing at 4⅞, which left them with a net loss of ⅛, with the new shares finally 4¼ after Jipping to 4. "Bats" weakened to the extent of 1s. 6d. at 98s. 6d., and "Imps" gave way 1s. to 103s. 6d., Carreras closing ½ lower at 15; Copes and R. and J. Hill were unchanged. Textiles proved an uncertain market. J. and P. Coats at 57s. 9d., and Sewing Cottons at 53s. 3d., received support; but Amalgamated Cottons at 5s. 4½d., Bradford Dyers at 48s. 9d., Calico Printers at 27s. 3d., Fine Spinners at 43s. 9d., and Listers at 22s. 3d., all receded. Of the Artsilks, Courtaulds held at 5¾, and buyers were again in evidence for British Celanese, the Ord. at 7s. 9d. and the Pref. at 11s. 9d.; but Snia Viscosa reacted, closing 6d. easier at 44s. Nueras were quietly steady, and American Cellulose were maintained. Coal, Steel and Engineering descriptions remained undecided.

Johnson and Phillips continued a weak spot in the Electrical Equipment group, closing 1s. down at 48s., with Siemens 3d. easier at 25s. 9d. On the other hand, buyers came forward for British Insulated, which put on 6d. to 71s. Of the Supply shares, London Electrics at 25s., and Newcastles at 22s. 6d., were favoured; but County of Londons receded 6d. to 28s. Traction issues were active, but irregular. Brazilian Common changed hands up to 13¾, but eventually closed without net change at 13¾. Sidros further improved to 14¾, but Barcelonas at 48, and Mexico Trams at 21, were fractionally easier. Among Tramways, Anglo-Argentine Trams First Prefs. stiffened to 3¾, and Cape Electrics to 23s., while London United Trams Debs. jumped up 4 to 52½. Motor Shares were lower. Thomas Tillings slipped back sharply to the extent of 2s. at 55s. 3d., with Rolls-Royce at 30s. 6d., and National Omnibus, at 24s. 3d., a few pence easier. Whiteleys and Selfridge Trust issues were less active pending the announcement as to the terms of amalgamation, and closed unchanged. Of the other Stores, Harrods eased to 57s. 6d., but Jays Prefs. improved to 3¾ and Waring and Gillows to 12s. Catering and Foodstuffs were favoured in places. Crosse and Blackwell Prefs. moved up to 13s. 3d., and Van Den Berghs further improved to 1¾. Newspapers moved irregularly. "Mirrors" strengthened to 6¾; but Associated Defd., at 6⅞. "Pictorials," at 3½, and Waterlow Defd., at 2⅞, all receded. Breweries moved within narrow limits. Benskins Pref. hardened to 3¾, but Guinness lost 6 at 515, and Hoare Ord. eased ⅛ to 2½. Apart from Hudson Bays, which further improved ⅛ to 5¾, Land Shares remained dull. Buyers were again in evidence for some of the leading Shipping Shares, among which P. and O. Defd. rose 5 to 265. In the Insurance group, Yorkshire Insurance were favoured with an advance of 5 to 12. Banks were mostly lower, both Hong Kongs, at 107½, and National of Egypt, at 36, losing a point. Of the Home issues, National Provincial £20 shares (£4 paid), at 12¾, and the £25 shares (£3 10s. paid), at 11, were both a fraction down. An exception was Bank of Montreal, which put on ½ to 60. Nitrates failed to find supporters, Liverpools declining to 18s. and New Tamarugals to 16s. 3d. Cement descriptions were slightly easier where changed.

In the Miscellaneous department, Bryant and Mays were subject to end-account profit-taking, and fell back 2s. to 52s., with British Aluminiums at 46s., British Oil and Cakes at 25s. 9d., Dunlops at 27s. 6d., and National Smelting Preference at 24s. 9d., all a few pence easier. Swedish Match "B" Shares lost the turn at 16⅞. On the other hand, buyers were in evidence for African and Easterns at 29s.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors firm, but movements narrow. Guys prominent, 14/3. Standards, Rovers and S.T.D. improved. Humbers heavy; Singers easier; Dunlops dropping. Austins, 10/6; Bo. Debs., 88; Bluemels, 43/9; Components, 7/-; S.T.D., 4/7½; Enfields, 28/6; Humbers, 38/-; Lucas, 77/9; Dennis, 6¾; Napiers, 48/-; Rolls, 30/4½; Rovers, 7/3; Singers, 67/9; Standards, 27/6; Swifts, 4/3; Triumphs, 27/9; Dunlops, 27/6; Parent Deferred, 50/6.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles quiet; some further loss of ground. Bleachers, 42/-42/6; Calicos, 27/-27/6; Dyers, 48/-49/-; Cottons, 52/-53/-; Spinners, 43/-44/-; "Shirters," 7/-7/3; Coats, 57/-58/-; Ship Canal, 16/-16/3; Velvets, 19/6-20/6; Courtaulds, 106/3-108/9; Dunlops, 27/6-27/9; Amalgamated Cottons, 5/3-5/9; Hoyles, 27/6-28/-; Nuera Silk, 22/6; do. Def., 15.

In Lurgan market yesterday pork sold at 94s. per cwt., an increase of 4s. per cwt. since that day week.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

	Closing.	Rise or fall.
Consols	34¼ 34⅜	.....
Do. 4% "A"	86⅝ ⅞	.....
Do. "B"	80⅞ 80⅞	.....
Do. Part paid	1st call 1 discn	.....
War Loan, 3½%	86⅞ 86½	.....
Do. 4½%	101⅛ 102	.....
Do. 5%	101⅛ 102	.....
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	86½ 100⅝	.....
Funding Loan	86 86½	+ ⅛
Victory Bonds	99 99⅛	.....
3½% Conversion Loan	75 75⅛	+ ⅛
4½% Conversion Loan	85⅛ 86	.....
5% Treasury Bonds	101⅛ 102	.....
Irish Land 2½%	57 59	.....
India 3%	53⅛ 53½	.....
Do. 3½%	67⅛ 68½	.....
Do. 4%	101½ 102⅜	.....
Do. 7%	99 100	.....
Local Loans	62⅝ 63¼*	.....
Sudan 5½%	108 110	.....

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5%	99 101	.....
Do. do. 4%	100 102*	.....
British Col. 4½, '41	83 88*	.....
Canada 4%	93 95*	.....
Cape 3½ Cons.	79 81	.....
Ceylon 6%	106 108	.....
New South Wales 4½, '22-7	100 101	+ ⅛
Do. do. 5%, 1922-7	101 102	+ ⅛
Do. do. 4½% 1930-40	101 103	.....
New Zealand 4% '29	98 100	.....
Nigeria 6%	112 114	.....
Queensland 4% '50-70	78 80	.....
Do. 6% '20-40	100 102*	.....
South Africa 4% Cons.	82 85*	.....
Do. 5%	102 104	.....
South Australian 4% '40-60	79 81	.....
Do. 6%	101 103	.....
Victoria 4% '40-60	79 81*	.....
Do. 6½%, 1923-5	100 102	.....
Western Australia 5% '25-45	98 100	.....
Do. do. 6% 1930-40	100 102	.....

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	6¾ 7	−⅛
Bank of Australasia	14¼ 14¾	.....
Bank of England	248 250	.....
Bank of Montreal	59 61	+ ⅛
Bank of New South Wales	46 48	.....
Do. New Zealand	2⅞ 3	.....
Barclay's "A" Shares	7⅝ 7⅞	.....
British Overseas	5¾ 6	.....
Canadian of Commerce	48½ 50½	.....
Chartered of India	19⅝ 19⅞	.....
Hong Kong and Shanghai	106 108*	.....
Lloyds	61⅞ 62⅞	−⅛
Midland	8⅛ 8⅛	.....
National Discount "B"	8½ 8¾	.....
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	12⅝ 12⅞	.....
Royal of Canada	57½ 58½	.....
Standard of South Africa	13¾ 14	.....
Union of Australia	13¾ 13¾	.....
Westminster Bank	13¼ 13½	.....

FOREIGN BONDS.

Argentine 5 p.c., 1886	99 101*	.....
Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	81 83	.....
Do. 5 p.c., 1909	87 89*	.....
Belgian 7 p.c. Loan	106 108	.....
Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	58 60	.....
Do. Funding, 1908	58 60	.....
Do. 5 p.c. do., 1914	79 81	.....
Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	72 76	−1
Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	52 53	−½
Do. 5 p.c., 1912	30 32½	−2
Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	109 111	.....
Egyptian Unified	82¼ 83¼	.....
French Loan	15⅛ 15⅜	+ ⅛
Do. 4%	13⅛ 13⅜	+ ⅛
German 7 p.c.	106 108	.....
Greek Loan	96 97	.....
Italian Rentes	57 59	.....
Japan 5½, 1905	95 96	.....
Do. 5 p.c., 1924	84⅛ 85½	.....
Mexican 5 p.c., '99	45 55	.....
Do. 5 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	45 55	.....
Peruvian Corporation	9¼ 9¾	− ⅛
Do. Pref.	45 46½	.....
Do. Deb.	102 104	.....
Portuguese 3 p.c.	27 30	.....
Spanish 4 p.c.	77 81	.....
Turkish Unified	23 24	.....
Uruguay 3½ p.c.	68 69	.....

BRITISH RAILS

Great Western	87 88	.....
Do. Cons. Pref.	91 95	.....
Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	74½ 75½	.....
Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	70 72	.....
Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	95 98*	.....
Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	68 70	.....
Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	50½ 51⅞	− ⅛
Do. Def. Ord.	19½ 20	.....
Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	65 67	.....
Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	58 60	.....
Metropolitan	62 63	.....
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	82 85*	.....
Midland Reg.	68½ 69½	.....
Southern Pref. Ord.	75½ 76½	.....
Do. Def. Ord.	39½ 40½	.....
Underground Elec. 4%	16½ 16⅝*	.....
Do. Income Bonds	101 103	+1
Do. 5 p.c. Debs.	101 103	+1

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

Antofagasta	79½ 81½	.....
Argentine G.W. Ord.	57 59	.....
Bahia Blanca Gt. Sth.	77 79*	.....
Brazil Railway Common	13¾ 14	.....
Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	101½ 103½*	.....
Bucnos Ayres and Pacific	92 94	.....
Buenos Ayres & W.	88½ 89½*	.....
Canadian Pacific	191 193	.....
Central Argentine	83½ 85½*	.....
Central Uruguay	77 79*	.....
Cordoba Central	43 45	−1
Do. 1st Pref.	90 92	.....
Do. 2nd Pref.	59 61	−1
Entre Rios	60½ 70½*	.....
Do. 5 p.c. Cons. Pref.	80* 90*	.....
Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	63 65	.....
Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	78 79*	.....
Do. 5 p.c. Perp. Deb.	77 79*	.....
Leopoldina	33 35	.....
Mexican Rails	5½ 6½	.....
Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	17 19	.....
Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	7 10	.....
San Paulo Ord.	179 183	.....
United Havana	74½ 76½	.....

AMERICAN RAILS.

Atchison	183 185	.....
Baltimore	116 118	−⅜
Chesapeake	165 170	.....
Chicago, Milwaukee	14 16	.....
Erie	48 50	+2
Do. 1st Pref.	49 51	.....
New York, Ontario	29 31	+1
Southern Common	127 129	.....
Do. Pref.	86 88*	.....
Southern Pacific	113 117	.....
Union Pacific	174 176	−1

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

Allsopp £1 Shares	95 99	.....
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	96 97	.....
Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	59/6 61 6	.....
City of London Ord.	3½ 3⅝	.....
Distillers Ord.	5⅜ 5¾	.....
Guinness Ord.	505 525	−5
Ind Coope Ord.	3¼ 3⅜	.....
Peter Walker Ord.	20/6 21/6	.....
South African Breweries	2⅞ 2⅞	.....
Walker (John) Pref.	21/0 22/0	.....
Watney, Combe Def.	261 266	.....

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

Bournemouth and Poole	2⅞ 3	.....
Charing Cross	25/0 28/0	.....
Chelsea Ord.	23/0 25/0	.....
City of London	42/0 44/0	.....
County of London	27/6 28/6	−6/6
Lancashire	24/6 26/6	.....
London Electric	24/6 25/6	+6/6
Metropolitan	27/0 29/0	.....
Newcastle	19¾ 19¾	+⅛
St. James's	23/0 26/0	.....
Do. Preferred	24/6 25/6	.....
Westminster	24/0 25/0	.....
Whitehall Electric Pref.	20/6½ 20/10½	.....

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

Aerated Bread	27/0 29/0	.....
Bovril Def.	2 2½	.....
Crosse and Blackwell	3/9 4/0	.....
Empire Tea	12/3 13/3	.....
Lovell and Christmas	1⅝ 1¾	.....
Lyons (J.)	2½ 2⅝	.....
Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	24/6½ 25/6½	.....
Maypole Def.	5/0 5/6	.....
Smithfield Agr. Meat	2 2½	.....
Spratt's Patent	2½ 2⅝	+⅛
Union Cold Storage Pref.	18/3 19/3*	.....
Van Den Berghs	1⅝ 1⅝	+⅛
Do. Pref.	4⅝ 5⅛	.....

IRON AND STEEL.

Armstrong (W. G.)	3/0 3/6	.....
Cammell Laird	7/3 8/3	.....
Dorman Long	11/6 12/6	.....
Dorman Long	9/3 10/3	.....
John Brown	12/0 13/0	−0/6
Pease and Partners	11/6 12/6	.....
South Durham Steel	2⅞ 3⅛	.....
Siemens	25/3 26/3	−0/3
United Steel	4/7½ 5/1½	.....
Vickers Ord.	8/7½ 9/1½	.....

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

Aboukir Land	1⅛ 1⅜	.....
Argentine Land Invest.	15/8 15/8	.....
Do. Southern Land	1⅝ 1⅝	.....
B.N.B. Land	7/3 8/3	.....
Forestal Land	20/6 22/6	−0/1½
Hudson's Bay Ord.	5⅛ 5⅜	+ ⅛
Pekin Syndicat	4/3 4/9	.....
Rio Negro Lands	1½ 1¼	.....
Sudan Plantations	4¾ 4⅞	.....

NEWSPAPERS.

Assd. Newspapers Def.	6⅜ 6⅝	.....
Allied News Ord.	52/3 53/3	.....
Amal. Press (New)	23/6 24/6	.....
Daily Mail Trst.	81/6¾ 82/6	.....
Daily Mirror Ord.	6⅝ 6⅞	+⅛
Illustrated Newspapers	25/6 26/6	.....
Sunday Pictorial Ord.	3⅞ 4	−⅛

NITRATES.

Alianza	6 7	.....
Lagunas Nitrate	14/6 16/6	.....
Lautaro Nitrate	2½ 3½	.....
Liverpool Nitrate	17/6 19/6	−1/6
New Tamarugal	¾ ⅞	−⅛
Rosario Nitrate	9/6 11/6	.....
Santiago Nitrate	7/6 9	.....
Tarapaca Nitrate	5/6 6/6	.....

OILS.

Anglo-American	3⅞ 3⅝	−⅛
Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅝ 2	−⅛
Anglo-Egyptian "B"	4⅝ 4⅞	−⅛
Anglo-Persian Ord.	4⅝ 4⅞	.....
Do. 6 p.c. 1st Pref.	24/3 25/3	.....
Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	27/1½ 28/1½	.....
Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	94¼ 95¼	.....
Apex Trinidad (£- shares)	2⅞ 3⅛	.....
Attock	1 1⅛	.....
British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	19/3 19/9	−0/3
British Burmah (5/-)	5/3 5/6	.....
British Controlled	9/0 9/3	.....
Do. Pref.	10/9 11/0	−0/1½
Burmah	6⅞ 6⅞	−⅛
Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	28/0 28/6	.....
Callers	2/7½ 2/10½	.....
Eagle Transport Pref.	5¼ 5⅝	+⅛
Do. 7 p.c. Notes	101 102	.....
Do. Reserve	102 103	.....
Kern River (10/-)	11/3 11/9½	.....
Lago (no par value)	4½ 4¾	.....
Lobitos	8¼ 8½	.....
Mexican Eagle	17/3 17/9	+0/4½
Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	17/0 17/6	−0/6
Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.	16/0 16/6	+0/1½
North Caucasian (10/-)	2/6 2/9	.....
Omnium	8/1½ 8/7½	−0/1½
Oropuche (4/- sh. f.p.)	0/6 0/9	.....
Phoenix	24/3 24/9	.....
Premier Oil	2⅝ 2⅞	−⅛
Royal Dutch	60¾ 61¼	−⅛
Shell Transport	4⅞ 4⅞	.....
Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9½ 9⅝	.....
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1/7½ 2/1½	.....
Spies (2/-)	13/0 13/6	−0/1½
Sieaua Romana	10/3 10/9	.....
Tankers Pref.	10/3 10/9	.....
Trinidad Central	10/6 11/0	.....
Trinidad Leaseholds	2⅝ 2⅞	.....
United Brit. Trinidad	11/0 11/6	−0/6
Ural Caspian	2/9 3/0	.....
V.O.C. Holdings	3⅛ 3¼	+⅛
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	3⅝ 3¾	+⅛

RUBBERS

M.U.—March 21.

2/6	Amal. Rubber Est.	3/3	−0/1
51/9	Anglo-Dutch	80/3	.....
3/1½	Anglo-Java	7/10½	+0/1½
15/8	Anglo-Malay	23/9	.....
8/11½	Bertam Cons.	7/9	.....
6/3	Bukit Mertajam	8/1½	+0/1½
2/9	Bukit Sembawang	3/6	.....
1½	Buntar	30/9	.....
1⅞	Damansara	27/6	.....
31½	Grand Central	43/11½	.....
2	Highlands	54/10½	+0/7½
2¾	Java Para	35/9	.....
29/3	Jugra Land	30/3	.....
6/9	Kamuning	8/9	.....
2/16	Kapar Para	70/7½	.....
10/3	Kepong	10/9	.....
4/16	Kuala Lumpur	46/7½	−1/3
2/1½	Kuala Mubin	28/6*	.....
2/6	Labu	57/6*	.....
5 7/16	Laras	8 8¼	.....
20/32	Linggi	54/4½	.....
7/8	London Asiatic	7/9	.....
3¼	Malacca	75/0	.....
41/9	Malayalam	41/0	+0/4½
6/9	Merlimau	27/10½	.....
2/16	Mooy Valley	40/6	.....
2/10½	Rubber Estate of Krian	3/9	.....
44/9	Rubber Trust	43/4½	−0/3
5/16	Seafield (New)	40 40½	.....
2/32	Selborne	48/1½	.....
3/32	Sialang	62/6	.....
11/32	Sirajata Rubber	27/6	.....
6/9	Sumatra Para	6/0	.....
36/16½	Tall Ayer	36/16½	.....
5/16	Tandjong	68/9	−1/3
7/16	Tandjong Malim	41/3	.....
7/9	United Serdang	7/6	.....
8/32	United Sua Betong	10/9	.....
21/9	Vallambrosa	21/3	.....
Abaco	62/6*	Ledbury	64/45/32	.....
Assam	4/7½	Lemdu	29/9	.....
Allied Sum	23/9	Loongsoer	2/4½	.....
Ampat	8 9	Manch'r N.B.	33/9*	.....
Anglo-Sum	90/9	Membakut	24/4½	+0/7½
Assam	21/3	Mendaris	41/9	.....
Bah Lias	55/6*	N. Hayoep	1/10	.....
Baru (Java)	66/3	N. Hummock	31/3	.....
Balang	3/0	Pahi P'n (1/9)	2/3	.....
Batu Tiga	66/3	P.P.K. (C'y'n)	32/6	.....
Bernam Fr'k	45/6*	Pataling	36/3	−0/7½
B.N.B.B. Tst.	18/9	Pegoh	23/3	.....
Broome Hill	26/3	Pilmoor	56/3	.....
Bukit Cloh	8/6	Port Dickson	4/9	.....
Bukit Kaj'ng	53/9	Ratanui	40/9*	.....
Bukit Rajah	4/0	Rim Malacca	5 7/16	.....
Castlefield	10/6	Rub. E. Joh's.	27/6½	.....
Centl. Johore	1 1/16	Sapong	70/6	.....
Ceylon Timb'r	7 1/32	Sapumalk'da	21/10½	.....
Cheroenee	3 7/8	Sedenak	49/6	.....
Chevlot	5 9/16	Selangor	6/6	.....
Cicely	8/9	Sembilan	75/0	.....
Craigiclee	2 31/32	Sepang Sel.	25/6	.....
Denistown	2 7/16	Serambun	20/6	.....
Djember	55/0	Serdang C'll.	42/6	.....
East Asiatic	4/6	Singap'e Para	3 1/32	.....
Eastern Sum	3/6	Somber Ajoe	4 1/32	.....
Eastern Trst.	47/6	Strathmore	27/6	.....
F.M.S. Plant.	73/9	Sumatra Con.	43/9	.....
Gadjah	8 7/32	Sungei Choh	32/6½	.....
Gen. Ceylon	53/9	Sungei K'par	7/6	.....
Glenshiel	53 1/32	Sungei Kr. Pf.	57/6	.....
Golconda	25/0	Sungei Raya	3/0	.....
Golden Hope	50/0	Sungei Siput	2/3	.....
Golf'n Hope	49 41/-	Sungei Way

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DRAPERY, Boots, Leather—Assistant, Protestant, teetotaler, desires change; best references. Address "Z 830, Assistant," this office. 31 F

DRAUGHTSMAN desires employment in Architect's or Builder's office, in or around Dublin; long experience; age 39; disengaged June—B 1969, this office. 31 B

EXPERIENCED Shorthand Typist (21), competent and trustworthy, desires position; moderate terms. B 1835, this office. 31 B

GROCERY and Provisions—Junior Assistant, I.C., aged 18, 2½ years' experience; excellent reference, Cosgrave, Ballyfin Stores, Rathfriland. 28 E

GENTLEWOMAN, Protestant, well recommended, desires post Companion Help, or light housework; needlewoman. Address "Z 759, Gentlewoman," this office. 29 F

GROCERY—Man, long experience, shortly disengaged, wishes situation, charge or otherwise. Address "Z 780, Man," this office. 30 A

LADY wants situation in Southern town as Barmaid; small salary and fare paid; over 30 years of age. Address "Z 852, Lady," this office. 31 F

WIDOW would go to Housekeeper to one or two gentlemen; 6½ years last place.—B 1829, this office. 28 E

YOUNG Man, shortly disengaged, seeks position of trust; can be well recommended.—B 1853, this office. 30 A

YOUNG Girl with good knowledge of Drapery and General desires to go as Improver; small salary; keep in house. Address "Z 810, Girl," this office. 30 E

YOUNG Lady, with 10 years' experience of office work, wishes to hear of vacancy; can be highly recommended; state terms. Address "Z 822, Lady," this office. 30 A

MALE SERVANTS WANTED.

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

GARDENER, experienced, single; all round; suburbs, Dublin; state age, wages expected, copy last two references.—B 1852, this office. 30 A

GARDENER and Wife required to keep poultry, milk, laundry; house, coal, vegetables, milk; state experience and wages expected.—B 1974, this office.

MALE SERVANTS DISENGAGED.

CARETAKER or Herd on outside farm, young man, married; can be highly recommended by last employer, with whom he has lived 15 years. Address "Z 854, Caretaker," this office. 31 B

GENERAL, Man seeks situation, Protestant, married, one child; do general work. Address "Z 663, Man," this office. 25 E

GROOM, light weight, wishes situation, gentleman's place, England or Ireland, has good knowledge of motors.—Devlin, Dean's Grange. 29 F

HERD and Caretaker; sober, diligent, trustworthy; desires skilfully; long and satisfactory discharges; will be highly recommended. Address "Z 728, Herd," this office. 28 E

HERD, Protestant, married, seeks situation; thoroughly understands business in all branches; two working sons; can be highly recommended; first class references. Address "Z 754, Herd," this office. 29 F

STRONG Boy, 16, I.C., wishes situation, house, garden, generally useful; indoor. Address "Z 737, Boy," this office. 29 F

YOUNG Man, married, seeks situation as Yard or General Farm Hand; well recommended. Address "Z 706, Yardman," this office. 28 E

YOUNG Man, 28 years, sober, seeks good Catholic home; housework; economical, trustworthy; wishes to become a Catholic and settle in Free State; Irish deserted; Dublin and travelling expenses paid. Address "Z 847, Man," this office.

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GARDENER, experienced, married, seeks situation; would accept cottage rent free, wife lodge and allowance; useful; highly recommended. Address "Z 713, Gardener," this office. 28 E

GARDENER, competent, trustworthy; experienced all branches; single; highly recommended. Address "Z 783, Gardener," this office. 30 A

GARDENER, life experience in laying out and remodelling gardens, also tennis courts and bowling greens.—B 1983, this office. 31 B

PLAIN Gardener, milk, generally useful; son and wife work if required. Address "Z 717, Gardener," this office. 29 F

UNDER Gardener seeks post, age 34, single, total abstainer; can drive motor, running repairs, England or Irelandcan give references.—B 1928, this office. 31 B

DOMESTICS WANTED.

WANTED, young Girl, good appearance, to answer halldoor and make herself useful; wages £18; indoor.—B 1824, this office. 29 F

WANTED, end April, for England, very good Cook (kitchenmaid kept); also Wanted Laundress and Under Housemaid; country; state wages, age, and send copies. Address "Z 794, Cook," this office. 30 A

WANTED immediately, Inchicore district, smart, active Charwoman or Daily Girl; must be strictly honest and highly recommended; wages 30/- per week.—B 1953, this office. 31 A

WANTED all classes of Servants, with references from gentlemen's houses—Mrs. Woods, 18 Nassau street.

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COOK, excellent, economical manager; good knowledge of French cooking; wages £45; understands dairy.—B 1925, this office.

EXPERIENCED Cook disengaged, or Cook General; excellent references; this position. Address "Z 830, Cook," this office.

YOUNG Singlehanded Cook, suburbs; £45; excellent long reference. Apply Matron, Irish Times Registry.

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

COUNTRY Girl wishes situation General; can do plain cooking; recommended.—Sullivan, Ballymerton, Wicklow. 30 E

GENERAL, small family, England or Ireland; long reference. Address "Z 843, General," this office.

GENERAL, family two, elderly people, or Housekeeper to couple business men or elderly lady. Address "Z 842, General," this office.

RESPECTABLE young Girl, partly trained as General, seeks situation; can be well recommended. Agnes Dunphy, Main street, Edenderry, Offaly. 30 E

THOROUGHLY experienced General wishes situation, Dun Laoghaire district; long and excellent references.—A 355, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

YOUNG General, small family; good references.—B 1888, this office.

YOUNG General seeks situation, small family or business house.—B 1924, this office.

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A YOUNG, experienced House Parlourmaid wants situation; highly recommended. Address "Z 844, Maid" this office.

AN experienced House Parlourmaid or Parlourmaid disengaged; prefer to go Parlourmaid. Address "Z 855, House Parlourmaid," this office.

EXPERIENCED young House Parlourmaid disengaged; excellent long papers.—B 1933, this office. 30 E

YOUNG House Parlourmaid, tidy and obliging, eleven months' experience, disengaged 11th April; has good reference and can be highly recommended.—714, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 28 E

YOUNG House Parlourmaid desires situation; small family, London; good papers.—B 1835, this office. 30 A

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

CAN Lady recommend young R.C. Girl as House Parlourmaid, some experience, to train? State full particulars: housemaid kept; suburbs. Address "Z 835, House Parlourmaid," this office. 31 B

HOUSEMAID Wanted, two in family; inside churches, trams, trains; four maids; good needlewoman essential. Apply, state age, wages expected, Mrs. Morgan Mooney, Manor House, Raheny. 30 E

REQUIRED, Experienced House Parlourmaid, aged 35 to 40; must understand lamps, keep plate very well; send references, age, religion.—Mrs. Tyrrie, Pirate Park, Dunlavin, country. 29 F

VERY good Parlourmaid Wanted, Raheny, two in family; four maids; beside churches, trams, trains; plain cooking; state age, wages; apply Mrs. Morgan Mooney, Manor House, Raheny. 30 E

YOUNG Housemaid Waitress Wanted for city; a good General might suit.—B 1609, this office. 28 E

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WANTED, experienced Nurse, over 30 years, for baby 8 months, and boy 3½ years; R.C.; £30. Address "Z 857, Nurse," this office. 31 F

KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, ETC., WANTED.

CAN any Lady recommend, for Co. Limerick, strong, clean, very respectable Girl as Kitchenmaid? good scrubber and understanding kitchen range; early riser; £20, to rise. Address "Z 793, Girl," this office. 30 F

WANTED, Kitchenmaid, for country place, South Dublin, for April 24th; young girl, well recommended, good scrubber, neat in work and person, and an early riser. Apply B 1948, this office. 31 F

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

AT Kennedy's, 68 Sackville street—Cooks, K'maids, Parlour, H. F'maids, H'maids, Nurses, Prots., R.C.'s.

RESPECTABLE Protestant Girl wishes Daily Work, Lady's house.—B 1927, this office.

WORKING Housekeeper in small family (elderly preferred); good plain cook settled; moderate wages; quiet home; highly recommended; interview.—B 1529, this office. 26 E

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BROWN Leghorn Hens 12, laying, 3/6 each.—Fox, Dodder Lodge, Lansdowne road, Dublin. 30 A

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CHICKS, due 1st April, at 17/- dozen, Rhodes (Golden's), White Leghorns (Barron's), Cocks imported direct mated to my prize utility hens; 1925 Hens, as above, 10/6 each; Settings, 7/6; carriage paid; catalogue free.—Young, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. 25 F

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CHOICEST Geraniums, strong, 12 2/6, 25 4/6, 50 8/-, free.—Dunne, Carlow. 30 A

CHOICEST Tomatoes, strong plants from pots, 12 5/-, 25 9/-, from boxes, 12 3/-, 25 5/6; post free.—Dunne, Carlow.

CHOICEST Hollyhocks, Delphiniums, Gems, scarlet and yellow, strong plants, any of above, 6 2/-, 12 3/9, free.—Dunne, Nurseries, Carlow. 30 A

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